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DIRECTORY OF TOWN OFFICERS**Elected Officers**

Moderator

Robert L. Eckert

Selectmen

George E. Lay Ralph L. Buzzell George J. P. Stevens

Board of Public Welfare

J. Arthur Ollis Hazen M. Emery Ellen M. Wallace

Assessors

*Frank M. Hargraves Term expires 1956

E. Palmer Sargent Term expires 1956

Alvin F. Heath Term expires 1958

*Appointed to fill vacancy caused by resignation of
Clifford R. Howe**Town Clerk**

C. Howard Phillips

Tax Collector

Wilfred G. Journey Term expires 1958

Town Treasurer

Roy C. Journey

Municipal Light Commissioners

Ulysses N. Corson	Term expires 1956
Ray Wallace	Term expires 1957
J. Arthur Ollis	Term expires 1958

Municipal Water Commissioners

Ulysses N. Corson	Term expires 1956
Ray Wallace	Term expires 1957
J. Arthur Ollis	Term expires 1958

School Committee

Virginia H. Webster	Term expires 1956
Carl G. Olson	Term expires 1956
Frederick N. Sweetsir	Term expires 1957
Kenneth G. Fowle	Term expires 1957
Irving G. Blake	Term expires 1958

Trustees of Cemetery

Everett Haight	Term expires 1956
Arthur R. Clark	Term expires 1957
Henry D. Lay	Term expires 1958

Trustees of Public Library

Barbara N. Adams	Term expires 1956
Charles M. Tibbetts	Term expires 1956
Olive S. Wilde	Term expires 1957
Burnell S. O'Brien	Term expires 1957
Alvin F. Heath	Term expires 1958
Robert L. Eckert	Term expires 1958

Trustees of Kimball Park

Donald J. Selby Term expires 1956
Cecil L. Dressler Term expires 1957
Henry D. Lay Term expires 1958

Playground Commission

Alexander M. Sullivan Term expires 1956
George D. Currier Term expires 1957
George J. P. Stevens Term expires 1958
Merrill B. Smith Term expires 1959
Henry D. Lay Term expires 1960

Constables

Alexander M. Sullivan George R. Buzzell
 Ronald C. Sarasin

Surveyors of Lumber and Measures of Wood and Bark

Gordon Roberts Richard E. Sargent
 Robert L. Eckert

Tree Warden

Harold K. Joralmon

Civil Service Tenure Chief of Police

Maurice Carey

*Alexander M. Sullivan

*To fill vacancy caused by resignation of Maurice Carey.

Planning Board

Allan B. MacGregor	Term expires 1956
Milton E. Webster	Term expires 1957
Edgar P. Sargent	Term expires 1958
Russell E. Kershaw	Term expires 1959
Henry D. Lay	Term expires 1960

OFFICERS APPOINTED BY SELECTMEN

Night Watchman

Fred A. Smith, Constable

Special Police Officers

Alexander M. Sullivan	Thomas Chaff
Clarence O. Libby (Honorary)	Herman Currier
Leon L. Dow	Ronald C. Sarasin
George R. Buzzell	John F. McCarron
James L. Howe (Grange Hall)	George J. P. Stevens
Harold M. Waterhouse (Cattle Crossing)	
John P. Gilmore (Pumping Station)	Albert W. Lord
	Merrill B. Smith
Harold Mooney (Light & Water Dept.)	
	Kenneth E. Haskell (School)
George Keller (Light & Water Dept.)	

Harlan M. Haight (Cemeteries)

Gordon G. Roberts

Raymond P. David

Mrs. Frances N. Frazier

Mrs. Gertrude C. Kopanski

Joseph Gilmore (School Crossing)

Harold Joralmon (Tree Work)

Francis J. Mathews (Dog Officer)

Robert H. Adams

Carl G. Olson

Sworn Weighers

Byron Sargent

Mrs. Isobel Knight

George L. Sargent

John A. Hutchins

Ralph L. Buzzell

David Stewart

Robert L. Eckert

Fence Viewers

E. Palmer Sargent

William J. Battis

Inspectors of Milk, Animals and Slaughtering

John A. Hutchins

Inspector of Wiring

Ulysses N. Corson

Moth Superintendent

Harold Joralmon

Burial Agent

Charles J. Vincent

Veterans Service Officer

Charles J. Vincent

Town Forest Committee

S. C. Doust Term expires 1956

Harold C. Lamb Term expires 1957

Harold Joralmon Term expires 1958

Registrars of Voters

C. Howard Phillips

James P. Flynn

George Gulezian

Bernard Hume

Janitor of Town Hall

Guy Sheldon

Veterans Agent

George E. Lay

Agent of the Board of Health

W. Harold Whiting

Superintendent of Streets

Albert W. Lord

Sealers of Weights and Measures

Merrill B. Smith

Dog Officer

Francis J. Mathews

Health Nurse

Cecile Sargent

Town Accountant

W. Harold Whiting

Director of Civil Defense

Parker T. Walton

Forest Fire Warden

George R. Buzzell

Engineers of Fire Department

George R. Buzzell

John H. Hughes

Richard J. Powers

Election Officers

Mary D. Flynn

Rita E. Kimball

Mary E. Flynn

Mellisa Buzzell

Mary F. Casazza

Marjorie Staples

Elaine Noone

Alfreda Lovell

Mable Dressler

Grace Clark

Nora Dwyer

Edna Harrington

Bonelle M. Gardt

MERRIMAC FIRE ALARM

Emergency fire alarm telephone number 6-2211

Emergency phone 6-2211 should be used for fire calls only. If for any reason line is out of order, dial operator and ask for EMERGENCY OPERATOR.

In all cases give your name and exact location of fire.

3-3 Chief's Call.

- 4 Mass. N. E. Bus Garage, East Main St.
- 5 Merrimac Square.
- 12 Locust St., corner of Green St.
- 13 Main St., Opposite Forrest St.
- 14 Main St., near residence of William H. Franklin
- 15 Birch Meadow Rd. and Main St., to Haverhill-Merrimac line.
- 16 Woodland and Grove Sts.
- 17 School and Pleasant Sts.
- 18 School and Mill Sts.
- 21 East Main St., opposite Skip's Snack Bar.
- 23 East Main St., near residence of John P. Gilmore.
- 24 Church St., opposite Maple St.
- 25 Liberty and Mechanic Sts.
- 26 Summer and Prospect Sts.
- 27 Church St., near residence of Richard Powers.
- 28 Sawyer and Nichols Sts.
- 31 Pleasant St., Merrimacport.
- 32 Merrimac St., near Middle Rd.
- 34 Merrimac St., Merrimacport.
- 35 High St., Merrimacport, near Merrimac Brass Foundry.
- 36 Merrimac and Broad Sts. Merrimacport.
- 41 Lower East Main St., Lake Attitash entrance.
- 42 Lake Attitash Park at Fern Ave.
- 51 Locust and Walnut Sts.
- 52 Lower Locust St., to Merrimac-Haverhill Line.
- 62 Birch Meadow Rd., and Hadley District. Tel. No Box
- 71 Bear Hill Rd. to Newton, N. H. Line Tel. No Box
- 72 West Shore, Lake Attitash. Tel. No Box.
- 74 Dance Hall, Lake Attitash. Tel. No Box.

No Box — Call 6- 2211

2 Recall — All Out — Also All Clear Air Raid.

NO SCHOOL SIGNAL

NO SCHOOL announcements will be made over Station WBZ and WHAV after 7 o'clock in the morning.

6:30 A. M. 11—11—11— No school all day.

11:30 A. M. 11—11—11 No school in grades seven and eight.

Air Raid Warning

YELLOW ALERT (Warning) 7

RED ALERT (Take Cover) 7 - 7

WHITE ALERT (All Clear) 1 - 1

CD Instructions and All Clear will also be broadcast over Conelrad 640 and 1240 on your radio dial.

Merrimac is located in Area 1, Sector 1G.

JURY LIST

The following Jury List for the Calendar year beginning July 1, 1955 has been prepared by the Merrimac Selectmen in compliance with Chapter 234, Section 4 of the General Laws and adopted June 27, 1955.

Arthur F. Allen, River Road, Elec. Worker

E. Little Co., Haverhill

Howard L. DeLong, 7 Pine St., Mechanic, Self-employed

Everett P. Dwinnells, Bear Hill Road, Auto Mechanic,
Veterans Garage, Rowley

Jesse E. Gleed, 72 West Main St., Mechanic,

Bailey Co., Amesbury

Harold J. Kramer, 25 Pleasant St., Bus Driver,
Mass. North Trans. Co., Merrimac

Elwin E. Rollins, West Main St. Real Estate, Self-employed

Arnold F. Hargraves, Maple St., Wood Heeler
New England Wood Heel, Amesbury

Forrest M. Lavalley, School St., Clerk
Bills Package Store, Merrimac

Fred L. Spencer, Abbott St., Blacksmith,
Davis & Furber, Andover

Edward H. Worcester, Town Forest Rd., Carpenter,
Self-employed

Philip E. Rodier, 6 Adams St., Bus Driver,
Mass. North. Trans. Co., Merrimac

Cecil E. Welch 19 Middle St., Foreman,
Bailey Co., Amesbury

Frank W. Hoyt, 70 Church St., Painter, Self-employed

Bernard A. Hume, 10 Lincoln St., Mechanic,
Bailey Co., Amesbury

John Fyfe, Jr. Green St., Laborer,
Mass. Dept. Pub. Works

Shirley G. Condon, 15 Grove St., Shoe Work

Bernard C. Bickum, 18 Church St., Leather Worker,
Hamel Leather, Haverhill

John H. Chipman, 10 High St., Elec. Work, Ipswich

Fredrick C. Chase, Middle Road, Bus Driver,
Mass. North. Trans. Co., Merrimac

George M. Martin, 14 Green St., Bus Driver,
Mass. North. Trans. Co., Merrimac

Robert L. Eckert, 23 West Main St., Coal Dealer
Sargent Coal Co., Merrimac

Walter L. Boxell, Trailer Park, Carpenter,
Self-employed, Merrimac

Irving G. Burbeck, 21 East Main St., Electrician,
Self-employed, Merrimac

Charles R. Zinch, Emery St., Mechanic, Retired

Bernard A. Morgan, Pleasant St., Mechanic
Navy Yard, Portsmouth, N. H.
Alva W. Clark, River Road, Mechanic
Western Electric, Haverhill
Harold C. Lord, 17 Grove St., Bus Driver,
Mass. North. Trans. Co., Merrimac
Clifford J. Hart, 12 Nichols St., Shoe Worker,
Unemployed
John H. O'Brien, Jr., River Road, Salesman
Self-employed, Boston
Walter I. Tabor, 43 East Main St., Insurance,
Metropolitan Life, Haverhill
George E. Lay
Ralph L. Buzzell
George J. P. Stevens
Selectmen of Merrimac

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

To the Citizens of the Town of Merrimac:

The eightieth annual report of the Town of Merrimac is herewith presented for your consideration in accordance with Chapter 40, Section 49, of the General Laws of Massachusetts.

The Board organized for the year of 1955 as follows:

Chairman George E. Lay
Clerk Ralph L. Buzzell
MemberGeorge P. Stevens

The Board organized as a Board of Health with the same officers and also Veterans Benefits, Mr. Lay was appointed as Veteran's Agent and W. Harold Whiting was appointed as Agent of the Board of Health.

The board has tried in all ways to conduct their duties for the best interest of all the Town's People and to spend all money appropriated for the specific thing that it was intended for to the best of their ability.

We would like to thank the Department of Corporations and Taxation and the Division of Accounts for their help and cooperation this past year, also the heads of the various departments connected with Town Government, the Town Accountant and all who have helped us during the past year.

Respectfully Submitted

George E. Lay

Ralph L. Buzzell

George P. Stevens

Selectmen of the Town of Merrimac

APPROPRIATIONS MADE IN 1955

March 8, 1955

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Merrimac Mass.

Gentlemen:

I submit the following list of appropriations made at the Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Merrimac, for the year 1955, held on March 7, 1955:

Article 3 Elective Officers

Moderator	\$ 12.00
Town Clerk	450.00
Selectmen, Chairman	325.00
Selectmen, Clerk	200.00
Selectmen, Other Member	150.00
Board of Public Welfare, Chairman	200.00
Board of Public Welfare, Clerk	200.00
Board of Public Welfare, Other Member	100.00
Assessors, Chairman	600.00
Assessors, Clerk	280.00
Assessors, Other Member	250.00
Tax Collector	2,200.00
Tree Warden, for Department	1,500.00
Tree Warden, for Planting Trees	800.00
Three Municipal Commissioners @ \$50.00 each. Light Department	150.00
Three Municipal Commissioners @ \$50.00 each. Water Department	150.00
Treasurer	750.00
Article 4 Expenses	
Selectmen's Departmental Expenses	400.00
Town Accountant, Salary	3,380.00
Town Accountant, Expenses	125.00
Treasurer, Expenses	500.00
Tax Collectors, Expenses	600.00
Assessor's, Expenses	800.00
Town Clerk, Expenses	300.00
Registrars of Voters, Chairman	100.00
Registrars of Voters, Three others, each Member \$50.00 each	150.00
Janitor Town Hall, Salary	240.00
Town Hall Maintenance	1,500.00
Town Hall Repairs	200.00
Bonding Town Officers	500.00
Election Officers	150.00
Police Department	9,298.00

Fire Engineers, Salary, Chief	300.00
Fire Engineers, Salary, Clerk	200.00
Fire Engineers, Salary, Other Member	150.00
Fire Department	4,400.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures, Salary	150.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures, Expenses	35.00
Inspector of Wiring, Salary	90.00
Inspector of Wiring, Expenses	5.00
Dog Officer Fees	150.00
Moth Department	869.00
Town Forest	400.00
Forest Fire Warden	200.00
Board of Health	1,500.00
Health Nurse, Salary and Expenses	1,300.00
Inspector of Animals, Salary	100.00
Inspector of Animals, Expenses	5.00
Inspector of Slaughtering, Salary	20.00
Inspector of Slaughtering, Expenses	5.00
Inspector of Milk, Salary	20.00
Inspector of Milk, Expenses	5.00
Snow and Washouts	3,500.00
Sidewalks, Railings and Bridges	100.00
Rocks Bridge	1,200.00
Street Lights	6,737.38
Public Welfare	5,000.00
Soldiers Benefits	3,500.00
Aid to Dependent Children	8,000.00
Old Age Assistance	40,000.00
Disability Assistance	4,000.00
School Department	115,978.00
Public Library	1,500.00
Memorial Day	275.00
Vocational Aid	2,000.00
Lighting Town Buildings	997.41
Insurance	5,000.00
Reserve Fund	1,000.00
Interest	10,000.00
Cemeteries	3,000.00

Vital Statistics	250.00
Water in Town Buildings	575.00
Printing Town Reports	594.00
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	\$249,670.79
Article 7 Playground	\$ 1,350.00
Article 9 Tax Title, Possessions, Repairs	100.00
Article 10 Highways, Thickly Settled	1,000.00
Article 11 Registrars Expense, Chapter 427 and 440	650.00
Article 13 Legal Suits, Expenses	100.00
Article 14 Chapter 90, Highways	3,000.00
Article 15 Town Hall, Repairs	300.00
Article 17 Chapter 81, Highways	5,450.00
Article 18 Veterans Service Officer, Salary ...	250.00
Article 19 Veterans Service Officer, Expense	250.00
Article 20 Essex County Retirement Board ...	5,096.63
Article 21 Water, Maintenance & Operation	24,000.00
Article 23 Dutch Elm Disease	1,400.00
Article 24 Legion Quarters, Rental	300.00
Article 25 School Construction, Notes	17,000.00
Article 26 Dog Officer, Salary	100.00
Article 27 Civil Defense	1,800.00
Article 28 Instructors Supervised Play, Salaries	675.00
Article 29 Police Cruiser	2,000.00
Article 31 Census, Expenses	450.00
Article 32 Hose, for Fire Department	1,000.00
Article 33 Repair Wall and Sidewalk on Church Street	2,500.00
Article 36 Regional School, Plans and other Expense	400.00
Article 37 Birch Meadow Water Extension Number 2	1,300.00

Article 38	Revaluation of all Taxable	
Property		6,200.00
Article 40	Vendome & Woodland Streets	1,000.00
Total Money Appropriated		<u>\$327,342.42</u>

Respectfully submitted,

C. HOWARD PHILLIPS

Town Clerk

REPORT OF FINANCE BOARD

Department	Appropriated 1955	Requested 1956
Moderator, Salary	\$ 12.00	\$ 12.00 ✓
Town Clerk, Salary	450.00	450.00 ✓
Selectmen Salary, Chairman	325.00	325.00 ✓
Selectmen Salary, Clerk	200.00	200.00 ✓
Selectmen Salary, Member	150.00	150.00 ✓
Public Welfare Salary, Chairman	200.00	200.00 ✓
Public Welfare Salary, Clerk	200.00	200.00 ✓
Public Welfare Salary, Member	100.00	100.00 ✓
Assessors Salary, Chairman	600.00	600.00 ✓ 10 +
Assessors Salary, Clerk	280.00	280.00 ✓ 85 +
Assessors Salary, Member	250.00	250.00 ✓ 25 +
Tax Collector, Salary	2,200.00	2,200.00 ✓ 200 +
Tree Warden	2,300.00	1,400.00 ✓ 100 +
Dept. 1,500.00 Planting 500.00		
Light Commissioner, Salary,		
3 at \$50.00 each	150.00	150.00 ✓ 50 +
Water Commissioner, Salary		
3 at \$50.00 each	150.00	150.00 ✓ 50 +
Treasurer, Salary	750.00	750.00 ✓ 50 +
Selectmen, Expenses	400.00	400.00 ✓
Town Accountant, Salary	3,380.00	3,380.00 ✓
Town Accountant, Expenses	125.00	725.00 ✓

Treasurer, Expenses	500.00	500.00
Tax Collectors, Expenses	600.00	600.00
Assessors, Expenses	800.00	800.00
Town Clerk, Expenses	300.00	300.00
Registrars Salary, Chairman	100.00	100.00
Registrars, Salary 3 at \$50.00 each	150.00	150.00
Janitor, Salary	240.00	240.00
Town Hall Maintainance	1,500.00	1,500.00
Town Hall Repairs	200.00	200.00
Bonding Town Officers	500.00	500.00
Election Officers	150.00	500.00
Police Department	9,298.00	9,343.00
Fire Engineers' Salary, Chief ...	300.00	300.00
Fire Engineers' Salary, Clerk ...	200.00	200.00
Fire Engineers' Salary, Member	150.00	150.00
Fire Department	4,400.00	4,400.00
Sealer Salary	150.00	150.00
Sealer, Expenses	35.00	35.00
Insp. Wiring, Salary	90.00	90.00
Insp. Wiring, Expense	5.00	5.00
Dog Officer Fees	150.00	150.00
Moth Department	869.00	869.00
Town Forest	400.00	400.00
Forest Fire Warden	200.00	200.00
Board of Health	1,500.00	1,500.00
Health Nurse	1,300.00	1,900.00
Insp. Animals, Salary	100.00	100.00
Insp. Animals, Expense	5.00	5.00
Insp. Slaughtering, Salary	20.00	20.00
Insp. Slaughtering, Expense	5.00	5.00
Insp. Milk, Salary	20.00	20.00
Insp. Milk, Expense	5.00	5.00
Snow and Washouts	3,500.00	5,000.00 7,500.00
Sidewalks, Railings & Bridges	100.00	600.00
Rocks Bridge	1,200.00	1,100.00
Street Lights	6,737.38	6,513.42
Public Welfare	5,000.00	5,000.00
Soldiers Benefits	3,500.00	3,500.00

Aid to Dependent Children	8,000.00	8,000.00
Old age	40,000.00	35,000.00
Disability Assistance	4,000.00	4,000.00
School Department	115,978.00	116,700.52
Public Library	1,500.00	1,500.00
Memorial Day	275.00	400.00
Vocational Aid	2,000.00	3,000.00
Lighting Town Buildings	997.14	1,098.31
Insurance	5,000.00	5,000.00
Reserve Fund	1,000.00	1,000.00
Interest	10,000.00	10,000.00
Cemeteries	3,000.00	3,000.00
Vital Statistics	250.00	250.00
Water in Town Buildings	575.00	585.00
Printing Town Reports	594.00	594.00
Totals	\$249,670.52	\$249,000.25

Respectfully submitted,

RAY T. WALLACE

EDWARD C. GIBBONS

JAMES P. DONAHUE

MILLARD B. HILLS

FRED N. SWEETSIR, M. D.

Merrimac Finance Board

REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen;

Gentlemen:

As Chief of Police of the Town of Merrimac, Police Department, I herein submit my report of the department for period, September 19, 1955 to December 31, 1955.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Assistance to other Police Departments	9
Assistance to Fire Dept. at Fires	10
Ambulance Assistance	10
Escorts at Funerals and processions	21
Assistance to Sick or Injured Persons	7
Assistance Locating Missing Persons	4
Road or Sidewalk conditions reported	11
Lights left - burning in buildings, reported	7
Wires or Poles damaged, reported	5
Doors and Windows found open, reported	57
Messages delivered	30
Complaints investigated	87
Accidents - Home and Auto - investigated	25
Summonses Served	14
Number of Officers Assigned	65
Days in District Court -- Chief	14
Days in District Court -- Special Officers	12
NUMBER OF ARRESTS SEPT. 19, 1955 to DEC. 31, 1955	
Male -- Resident	13
Male -- Non-Resident	21
Female -- Non-Resident	1
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Total	35

I desire to thank the Honorable Board of Selectmen, His Honor, Judge Martin Connelly, the Associate Justices, Clerk of District Court, the Probation Officer, Officers of the Department, the Superintendents of the Light and Water Department, and Street Department, and the Citizens of the Town for their Co-operation during my above term of office.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alexander M. Sullivan

Chief of Police

REPORT OF THE FIRE ENGINEERS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and citizens of the Town of Merrimac:

The Board of Fire Engineers submit the following report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1955.

Number of alarms	58
Fire loss	\$14,285.18

We wish to thank all Town Officials and citizens for their cooperation and support.

We recommend that the sum of Four Thousand, Four Hundred Dollars (\$4,400.00) be appropriated for the salaries and general maintenance of the Department.

Due to over forty years of continuous service, the generator and compressor of the fire alarm system are no longer repairable and therefore replacements are required.

We recommend the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) be appropriated for two (2) new alarm boxes to replace those now in service.

We also recommend that the sum of Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars be raised and appropriated for the purchase of hose.

Respectfully submitted
GEORGE R. BUZZELL, Sr.
JOHN H. HUGHES
RICHARD J. POWERS
Board of Fire Engineers

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF WIRES 1955

Town of Merrimac:

Merrimac, Mass.

To the Selectmen and Citizens of the Town of Merrimac:

I hereby submit my report for the year 1955.

Inspection of Entrance Changes	18
Resident Inspection	55
New Service Inspection	24
Out Door Signs	3
Oil Burner Inspection	20

I wish to thank Mr. Harold Mooney, Manager Electric Light Dept. and Fire Chief Mr. George Buzzell, with the Citizens of the Town for their Co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

ULYSSES N. CORSON

Inspector of Wires

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The Board of Assessors respectfully submit the following report for the year 1955.

The Board was organized this year as follows:

- Chairman, Clifford R. Howe
- Clerk, Alvin F. Heath
- Member, Edgar P. Sargent

Mr. Howe resigned as a member of the Board in June 1955, and Mr. Frank M. Hargraves was elected to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the year.

The following is a recapitulation of appropriations and estimated income of the town which was used in computing the 1955 tax rate of \$72.00.

1955 RECAPITULATION

Total Appropriations	\$327,342.42
Overlay Deficits	3,135.05

State Parks & Reservations	443.04
State Audit of Accounts	1,172.12
County Tax	6,329.00
T. B. Hospital Assessment	3,591.01
Underestimates for 1954	30.27
Overlay for 1955	9,936.92

Total Amount To Be Raised	\$378,292.20
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ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

Income Tax	\$ 33,428.97
Corporation Taxes	9,533.35
Old Age Tax (Meals)	1,397.74
Motor Vehicles Excise	23,976.37
Licenses	2,454.75
Fines	209.00
General Government	1,189.68
Protection of Persons & Property	78.95
Health & Sanitation	137.00
Charities	4,926.56
Old Age Assistance	24,704.31
Veterans Services	533.92
Schools	6,510.06
Libraries	114.63
Public Service Enterprises	14,379.79
Cemeteries	884.00
State Assistance School Const.	10,992.71
Available Funds	45,575.00
Overestimates for 1954	51.90

Total Estimated Receipts	\$187,275.96
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Amount to be Raised by Taxation	\$191,016.24
Poll Taxes	\$ 1,914.00
Personal Property Taxes	20,522.16
Real Estate Taxes	168,580.08

TOTAL TAXES ASSESSED	\$191,016.24
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TAX RATE: \$72.00 per M

TABLE OF AGGREGATES

Value of Real Estate	\$2,341,390.00
Value of Personal Property	285,030.00
Number of Polls	957
Value of Automobiles	688,420.00
Number of Automobiles	1,546
Number of Horses	18
Number of Cows	178
Number of other animals	108
Number of Fowls	5,630
Number of Houses	901
Number of acres of Land	4,468

Respectfully submitted,

ALVIN F. HEATH

EDGAR P. SARGENT

FRANK M. HARGRAVES

Board of Assessors

REPORT OF COLLECTOR OF TAXES

To the Citizens of the Town of Merrimac:

I submit herewith my report as Collector of Taxes for the year ending December 31, 1955.

I wish to thank the various officials and citizens for their co-operation during the past year.

1953 Poll

1 - 1 - 55	Cash	\$ 10.00
Outstanding	\$ 10.00	

1953 Personal

1 - 1 - 55		Cash	\$1,404.80
Outstanding	\$3,353.25	Abatements	140.00
Refunds	94.85	Outstanding	1,903.30
	<u>\$3,448.10</u>		<u>\$3,448.10</u>

1954 Personal

1 - 1 - 55		Cash	\$1,664.52
Outstanding	\$5,398.69	Abatements	952.01
Refunds	56.61	Outstanding	2,838.77
	<u>\$5,455.30</u>		<u>\$5,455.30</u>

1954 Real Estate

1 - 1 - 55		Cash	\$21,902.98
Outstanding	\$29,323.63	Abatements	488.50
Refunds	192.40	Tax Title	10.36
		Outstanding	7,114.19
	<u>\$29,516.03</u>		<u>\$29,516.03</u>

1955 Poll

		Cash	\$1,446.00
Commitment	\$1,914.00	Abatements	384.00
		Outstanding	84.00
	<u>\$1,914.00</u>		<u>\$1,914.00</u>

1955 Personal

		Cash	\$15,574.68
Commitment	\$20,522.16	Abatements	180.00
		Outstanding	4,767.48
	<u>\$20,522.16</u>		<u>\$20,522.16</u>

1954 Poll

1 - 1 - 55			
Outstanding	\$ 270.00	Cash	\$ 196.00
Refund	2.00	Abatements	76.00
	<u>\$ 272.00</u>		<u>\$ 272.00</u>

1954 Personal

1 - 1 - 55		Cash	\$1,272.45
Outstanding	\$5,398.69	Abatements	989.01
Refunds	56.61	Outstanding	3,193.84
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	\$5,455.30		\$5,455.30

1955 Real Estate

		Cash	\$135,845.04
Commitment	\$168,580.08	Abatements	8,656.56
Refunds	750.24	Tax Titles	732.16
		Outstanding	24,096.56
	<u>\$169,330.32</u>		<u>\$169,330.32</u>

1952 Excise

1 - 1 - 55		Cash	\$ 2.00
Outstanding	\$ 481.03	Abatements	94.90
Journal	3.50	Outstanding	387.63
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	\$ 484.53		\$ 484.53

1953 Excise

1 - 1 - 55		Cash	\$ 226.20
Outstanding	\$ 859.72	Abatements	62.37
Refund	25.22	Outstanding	596.37
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	\$ 884.94		\$ 884.94

1954 Excise

1 - 1 - 55			
Outstanding	\$2,457.26	Cash	\$6,537.37
Commitment		Abatement	3,075.41
in 1955	8,118.66	Outstanding	1,320.10
Refunds	356.96		
	<u> </u>		<u> </u>
	\$10,932.88		\$10,932.88

1955 Excise

Commitments	\$2,576.13		
	6,002.69	Cash	\$22,578.18

	9,037.16		
	1,663.38	Abatements	1,424.19
	2,006.32		
	1,670.80	Outstanding	310.84
Refunds	1,356.64		
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	\$24,313.21		\$24,313.21

Respectfully submitted,

WILFRED G. JOURNEYAY

Tax Collector

REPORT OF THE PLAYGROUND COMMISSION FOR THE YEAR 1955

To the Citizens of the Town of Merrimac:

The Playground Commission wishes to make this report of the playground for "55".

Through the combined efforts of local carpenters and business men we were able to install dugouts at the Little League baseball field. Many thanks to, Ralph Buzzell, George Lay, Merrimac Builders, Merrimac Hardware, Diamond Match, Richard Sargent, for material to build with. Also the carpenters that worked with George Buzzell to build them. Thanks to anyone else who assisted in this project.

In the Spring when the lumber is seasoned and dry Frank Hoyt has said he would paint them, thanks to him too.

M. B. Smith

Supervised play was conducted for the second year, this year in addition to the two regular instructors two assistants were assigned to aid in dividing the groups at various types of play.

The opening day 125 children were registered. This tapered down to an average of 65 through the hot weather enlarging toward the end of the season.

At the end of the season two buses were donated by the Lions Club and took children to the State Park at Salisbury Beach for the day. Picnic lunch was taken, games were enjoyed etc., and a good time was had by all.

A new ladder bar and long slide was installed in the play area by the Lions Club, and proved to be very popular. The grounds were kept mowed and in fine condition by Mr. Gilmore.

We at this time wish to thank the towns people for their interest, the School Committee for use of the school facilities for supervised play, and the Lions Club for their financial aid to make the project possible.

Respectfully submitted,

ALEXANDER SULLIVAN, Chairman

MERRILL B. SMITH, Clerk

HENRY D. LAY

GEORGE STEVENS

GEORGE CURRIER

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:
Merrimac, Mass.

Gentlemen:

As Town Clerk of the Town of Merrimac, I hereby submit my annual report for the year 1955:

BIRTHS

Number of Births recorded	51
Males	27

Females	24
Father, Native Born	50
Mother, Native Born	50
Father and Mother, both Native Born	50
Father and Mother, both Foreign Born	0
Mixed Parentage	1

MARRIAGES

Number of Marriages recorded	44
First Marriage of Groom	38
First Marriage of Bride	31
Grooms, Native Born	42
Brides, Native Born	44
Grooms, Foreign Born	2
Brides, Foreign Born	0
Average Age of Groom	27 years, 1 month, 11 days
Average Age of Bride	24 years, 8 months, 22 days

DEATHS

Number of Deaths recorded	16
Males	11
Females	5
Under 5 years	0
Males, Native Born	11
Females, Native Born	4
Of Native Parentage	6
Of Mixed Parentage	3
Average Age	68 years, 5 months, 1 day
Oldest Person	91 years, 6 months, 1 day

LICENSES

Number of Dogs Licensed	190
Males	179
Females	11
Kennel Licenses	4
Sporting Licenses Issued	295
Minors Sporting Licenses Issued	20

Respectfully submitted

C. HOWARD PHILLIPS,

Town Clerk

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY

To the Citizens of the Town of Merrimac:

The Trustees of the Merrimac Public Library present their seventy-ninth annual report for the year ending December 31, 1955.

The total number of volumes borrowed during the year was 8,286, of which 2,036 were non-fiction and 1,545 were juvenile.

The monthly deliveries were as follows:

January	796	July	509
February	783	August	562
March	939	September	623
April	747	October	876
May	567	November	704
June	529	December	651

The fines collected and turned over to the Town Treasurer amounted to \$110.20.

The financial report will be included in the Town Accountants report to avoid repetition.

The Merrimac Valley Loan Library supplied us with 92 books during the past year. Most of these are books that our Library could not provide with our limited amount of money. A total of 174 new books were added; 39 were gifts, and 135 by purchase. 56 new subscribers were added to our list.

Your Trustees recommend the sum of \$1,500.00 to be appropriated for the ensuing year, 1956.

Respectfully submitted,

ALVIN F. HEATH

OLIVE S. WILDE

BARBARA N. ADAMS

BURNELL S. O'BRIEN

CHARLES M. TIBBETTS

ROBERT L. ECKERT

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

The Board of Water Commissioners herein submit their fifty-first Annual Report for the fiscal year 1955.

Estimates for the Ensuing Year

Gross Expenses of Operating	\$ 24,000.00
Construction	4,000.00
	\$ 28,000.00

Estimated Income

Water Rates	\$ 14,000.00
Miscellaneous Income	3,000.00
	\$ 17,000.00

Expended for Construction

Belmore Road Extension	\$ 1,165.91
Birchmeadow Road No. 1	153.97
Birchmeadow Road No. 2	2,419.42
Emery Street	1,307.40
Ridgefield Road	693.80
Winter and Church Streets	8,200.00
	\$ 13,940.50

Expended for Maintenance

Maintenance and Repairs	\$ 7,268.21
Power and Fuel	3,742.83
Station Supplies and Expenses	369.87
Station Wages	4,280.21
Salary of Superintendent	1,500.00
Office Salary	821.96
Office Expense	404.54

Truck Expense	168.15	
Insurance	39.37	
		\$ 18,595.14
Total Expended for Const. and Maint.		\$ 32,535.64

Monthly Pumping Report

	Gallons Pumped	Hours Pumped
January	799,000	211
February	887,000	233
March	928,000	240
April	809,000	213
May	1,051,000	268
June	1,012,000	255
July	1,686,000	421
August	1,171,000	301
September	988,000	253
October	944,000	245
November	850,000	235
December	1,004,000	255
Total Gallons and Hours Pumped	12,129,000	3130

Water Estimated Receipts

Town Appropriation	\$ 24,000.00	
		\$ 24,000.00
Water Rates Collected	\$ 14,007.69	
Misc. Income	3,224.35	
Revenue Deficit	6,767.96	
		\$ 24,000.00

Balance Sheet

Accounts Receivable:

Rates	\$ 2,097.98
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Misc.	657,37	
	<hr/>	\$ 2,755.35
Revenue Reserved Until Collected		
Water	\$ 2,755.35	
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ULYSSES N. CORSON

RAY L. WALLACE

ARTHUR OLLIS

Board of Water Commissioners

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD

The Municipal Light Board herein submit their fifty-first Annual Report for the fiscal year 1955.

Estimate of Expenses

Gross Expense of Operating	\$ 80,000.00
Depreciation (3 % on \$168,818.38)	5,064.55
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	\$ 85,064.55

Estimated Income

From Private Consumers	\$ 85,000.00
From Municipal Buildings	1,098.31
From Street Lights	6,513.42
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	\$ 92,611.73

Cost of Construction

Substation Equipment	\$ 35,570.11
Poles, Fixtures and Overhead	
Conductors	74,181.33

Meters	14,521.35	
Transformers	28,619.09	
Street Light Equipment	6,547.74	
Transportation Equipment	9,378.76	
		\$168,818.38

Expended for Operating Expenses

Electric Energy Purchased	\$ 47,469.06	
Station Wages	792.00	
Meter and Transformer Operation	2,548.70	
Maint. Transmission & Dist. Lines	16,305.82	
Street Light Operation	550.61	
Commercial Salaries & Expense ..	3,479.70	
Salary of Manager	2,998.60	
Office Salaries	2,419.23	
General Office Supplies	1,328.56	
Insurance	183.93	
Transportation Expense	1,003.41	
Miscellaneous Expense	91.68	
		\$ 79,171.30

Expended for Construction

Construction & Materials	\$ 13,435.31	
Meters	996.00	
Transformers	2,354.00	
		\$ 16,785.31
Debt	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Refunds on Consumers Deposits ...	1,693.65	1,693.65
Depreciation (Deposited in		
Savings Bank)	4,929.29	4,929.29
Total Expenditures		\$104,579.55

Balance Sheet

Construction and Operating Fund	
January 1, 1955	\$ 17,134.32

Consumers' Deposit Fund

January 1, 1955 1,624.38

Depreciation Fund

January 1, 1955 11,830.37

Received from Light & Power Sales 85,532.97

Received from Misc. Sales 662.87

Received from Town Appropriations 7,734.79

Interest Income 413.04

Consumers' Deposits 395.00

\$125,327.74

Construction, Materials and

Renewals\$ 16,785.31

Maintenance & Operating Expense 79,171.30

Debt 2,000.00

Consumers' Deposits Refunded 1,693.65

Depreciation Fund 17,095.31

Construction and Operating Fund

December 31, 1955 8,174.09

Consumers' Deposit Fund

December 31, 1955 408.08

\$125,327.74

ULYSSES N. CORSON

RAY L. WALLACE

J. ARTHUR OLLIS

The Municipal Light Board

**REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF MILK, ANIMALS AND
SLAUGHTERING**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I have made the following calls and inspection and issued the following licenses for the year 1955:

License for the sale of Oleomargarine—12\$ 6.00

Store licenses for the sale of milk and cream—16 ...\$	8.00
Vehicle licenses for sale of milk and cream—9\$	4.50
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	\$ 18.50

A total of 37 licenses at \$.50, collected and turned over to the Town Treasurer.

Number of barns inspected	34
Number of cattle inspected	259
Number of Swine inspected	21
Number of horses inspected	4
Number of goats inspected	8
Inspection of slaughtering hogs	0
Inspection of slaughtering calves	0
Inspection for State Division of Livestock	
Disease Control	0
Check on new arrivals of Dairy Cattle from out-	
side of State	0
Animals Quarantined	0

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN A. HUTCHINS,

Inspector of Milk, Animals and Slaughtering

REPORT OF DOG OFFICER

I hereby submit the following report for the period of 1955 that I was dog officer;

FEMALE

March 31	\$ 6.50
March 31	6.50
April 28	6.50
June 7	6.50
July 26	6.50
July 26	6.50

July 26	6.50
October 24	6.50
October 30	6.50

MALE

May 20	6.50
June 21	6.50
July 11	6.50
September 17	6.50
October 11	6.50
October 24	6.50
October 26	6.50
November 5	6.50
November 30	6.50

I also returned numerous dogs to their owners.

Respectfully submitted,

Francis J. Mathews

Dog Officer

REPORT of the SEALER of WEIGHTS and MEASURES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of Merrimac:

The following is the report of the Department for the year ending December 31, 1955;

I have during the year inspected and sealed the following Scales and Balances;

Over 10,000 lbs.	1	Automatic Measuring devices	
100 to 5,000 lbs.	9	Meters with inlet 1 inch	Meters with inlet more
Under 100	21	or less	than 1 inch
		Gasoline	Vehicle tanks
		Grease and Oil ...	Bulk Storage
		24	7
		4	2

This year we are able to purchase a surplus test tank from the city of Haverhill, which has been installed at the Fire House on School Street. It saves our bothering Haverhill or Newburyport and having to tow it to Merrimac. I want to take this time to thank the merchants of this town for their cooperation at the time of inspection and checks back.

I also would like to thank Mr. Lane the sealer in Haverhill for use of their equipment this year.

Respectfully submitted

MERRILL B. SMITH

Sealer of Weights and Measures

REPORT OF CEMETERY TRUSTEES

To the Citizens and the Selectmen of the Town of Merrimac.

The Board of Cemetery Trustees wish to submit the following report for the year of 1955.

During the past year a section of Locust Grove Cemetery was reconditioned and building was painted.

Church Street Cemetery fence was repaired and painted. Also the Lower Corner Cemetery fence was painted.

We extend our thanks to the Board of Selectmen and the Town Accountant for their cooperation during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

EVERETT A. HAIGHT

HENRY D. LAY

ARTHUR R. CLARK

Cemetery Trustees

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen, and the Citizens of the Town of Merrimac.

The Public Health Nursing report for the year 1955 is as follows-

	Patients	Calls	Turned In	Miles
January	10	48	\$16	120
February	11	46	14	164
March	9	45	18	
April	8	39	15	120
May	8	38	20	240
June	8	30	12	
July	6	31	8	100
August	6	39	14	
September	7	38	11	120
October	8	36	8	80
November	9	41	7	
December	10	43	8	100

I have taken patients to the Gale Building for X-Ray, Hale Hospital, Amesbury Hospital, North Reading San., Childrens Hospital in Boston. Made 2 trips to Boston Laboratories for Salk Vaccine and assisted when the doctors gave it to the 1st and 2nd grade children.

I have investigated questionable T. B. cases and followed the case until X-Rays proved them negative.

I have investigated and reported any communicable disease etc. that has been brought to my attention.

I have followed the doctor's orders in caring for all patients to the best of my ability.

Respectfully submitted

Cecile C. Sargent, R. N.

Public Health Nurse

REPORT OF THE MERRIMAC BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

To the Citizens of the Town of Merrimac:

The Board of Public Welfare organized with the following officers:

Chairman	Hazen M. Emery
Clerk	J. Arthur Ollis
Member	Ellen M. Wallace

The same officers administered Old Age Assistance, Aid to Dependent Children and Disability Assistance.

Working on a State and Federal Budget basis which we are forced to do by law to receive full reimbursement from same we have carried on our work as directed.

We feel that in view of the present number of recipients now on our rolls that the following amounts should be appropriated for the year 1956.

Old Age Assistance	\$ 35,000.00
Public Welfare	5,000.00
Aid to Dependent Children	8,000.00
Disability Assistance	4,000.00

It is with regret that we learn that Ellen M. Wallace who has been a member of this board for twenty two years, and has faithfully served as a public official in fine fashion, feels that she is unable to run again.

Respectfully submitted,

HAZEN M. EMERY

J. ARTHUR OLLIS

ELLEN M. WALLACE

Merrimac Board of Public Welfare

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF KIMBALL PARK

To the Citizens of the Town of Merrimac:

The following report is submitted by the Trustees of Kimball Park for the year 1955:

Received for Active Account	\$ 115.00
Expended on grounds in 1955	111.00
Balance January 1, 1956	4.00
Balance Weed Fund January 1, 1955	\$ 2,136.94
Interest Weed Fund 1955	57.57
Balance Kimball Fund January 1, 1955	1,013.91
Interest Kimball Fund 1955	28.05
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	\$ 3,236.47
Withdrawn from Weed Fund 1955	\$ 115.00
Balance Weed Fund January 1, 1956	2,079.51
Balance Kimball Fund January 1, 1956	1,041.96
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	\$ 3,236.47

We wish to thank everyone who has helped at the park during the past year in any way.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD J. SELBY

HENRY D. LAY

CECIL G. DRESSLER

Trustees of Kimball Park

REPORT OF THE TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Report of the Town Forest Committee for the year ending 1955.

Cleared out hurricane damage in fire lanes.

Mowed all fire lanes in Town Forest.

Cleared 8 acres of pine\$ 375.00

Balance75

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL C. DOUST

HAROLD K. JORALMON

Town Forest Committee

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER

To the Citizens of the Town of Merrimac:

The balances, receipts and disbursements for the year 1955 were as follows:

Balance, January 1, 1955\$107,133.14

Receipts to January 1, 1956 539,132.35

\$646,265.49

Payments on warrants 1955\$536,254.32

Balance, January 1, 1956 110,011.17

\$646,265.49

Respectfully submitted

Roy C. Journeay

Town Treasurer

REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I hereby present the Annual Report of the Town Accountant in accordance with Chapter 41, Section 60, of the General Laws. I have also presented all financial transactions of the past year, and a balance sheet.

I would like to thank you and all other Town Officials for their help and cooperation during this past year, also the Bureau of Accounts and Division of Corporations and Taxation for their advice.

Respectfully submitted,

W. Harold Whiting,

Town Accountant

Receipts — General

Taxes:

Current Year:

Poll, Personal, Real Estate\$152,865.72

Previous Years:

Poll, Personal, Real Estate 1954 ... 23,763.50

Poll, Personal, Real Estate 1953 8,163.96

Poll, Personal, Real Estate 1952 ... 1,050.20

—————\$185,843.38

Tax Title Redemptions\$ 569.73

Estates Deceased Persons 432.18

Income Tax 17,946.96

Corporation & Business Tax 8,605.30

—————\$ 27,554.17

Total from Taxes\$213,397.55

Licenses and Permits:

Trailer Park Fees	\$ 1,456.00	
Liquor	1,000.00	
Other licences and permits ...	255.50	
	<u> </u>	\$ 2,711.50

Fines and Forfeits:

Court Fines	\$ 272.00	
	<u> </u>	\$ 272.00

Grants and Gifts:

Town Clerk, . Dogs	\$ 425.60	
	<u> </u>	\$ 425.60

Total from Licenses and Permits, Fines and Forfeits and Grants and Gifts	<u> </u>	\$ 3,409.10
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Privileges:

Excise 1955	\$ 22,577.18	
Excise 1954	6,537.37	
Excise 1953	226.20	
Excise 1952	2.00	
	<u> </u>	\$ 29,342.75

Interest:

1955	\$ 40.32	
1954	581.78	
1953	535.30	
1952	79.41	
Added to Tax Titles	164.81	
Recordings & Releases	9.00	
Est. Deceased Persons	15.38	
	<u> </u>	\$ 1,426.00

Total from Privileges and Interest	\$ 30,768.75
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TOTAL FROM GENERAL REVENUE

RECEIPTS	<u> </u>	\$247,575.40
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Commercial Revenue

General Government:

Rent of Hall	\$	15.00	
Rent of Offices		900.00	
			\$ 915.00

Protection of Person & Property:

Sealers Fees	\$	78.50	
			\$ 78.50

Health:

Nurse Fees	\$	157.00	
Milk		17.00	
			\$ 174.00

Bicycle Plates:

Plates	\$	11.50	
			\$ 11.50

Public Library:

Fines	\$	110.20	
Trust Funds		1,184.22	
			\$ 1,294.42

Highways:

Town Hire Road Machinery ...	\$	1,017.28	
Comm. Mass. Ch. 90		4,999.72	
County Ch. 90		2,499.86	
Comm. Mass. Ch. 81-1954		8,800.00	
Comm. Mass. Ch. 81-1955		2,731.67	
Rentals equipment		23.00	
			\$ 20,071.53

Kimball Park:

Trust Funds	\$	115.00	
			\$ 115.00

Cemeteries:

Care of Lots	\$	324.00	
Opening Graves		370.00	

Cremation	15.00	
Trust Funds	905.00	
New Funds	750.00	
Sale Lots	400.00	
	<u> </u>	\$ 2,764.00

Charities:

Aid to Dependent Children:

U. S. Grant	\$ 4,326.42	
U. S. Grant Admx.	322.23	
Comm. of Mass.	3,931.99	
Treas. Reimb. Postage	13.07	
Refunds	56.15	
	<u> </u>	\$ 8,649.86

Veterans Benefits Comm. Mass	\$ 551.08	
	<u> </u>	\$ 551.08

Temporary Aid:

Comm. of Mass.	\$ 1,113.06	
Cities and Town	120.69	
	<u> </u>	\$ 1,233.75

Premature Births:

Cities and Towns	\$ 224.65	
	<u> </u>	\$ 224.65

Disability Assistance:

U. S. & State Grants Admx. ...	\$ 135.01	
U. S. Grant	327.67	
Treas. Reimb. Postage	2.91	
Refund	14.90	
	<u> </u>	\$ 480.49

Old Age Assistance:

Individuals	\$ 226.10	
U. S. Grant	28,187.26	
Comm. of Mass.	22,508.98	
Cities and Towns	1,013.18	
U. S. Admx.	1,339.18	
Treas. Reimb. Postage	66.85	

Old Age Recoveries	2,557.10	
Amusement & Meal Tax	1,455.32	
		<hr/> \$ 57,353.97

Public Service Enterprises

Light:

Sale of Light	\$ 73,842.60	
Sale of Power	11,690.37	
Misc. Sales	661.73	
Consumers Deposits	400.00	
		<hr/> \$ 86,594.70

Water:

Meter Rates	\$ 16,662.04	
Misc. Sales	3,135.82	
		<hr/> \$ 19,797.86
Sale of Truck	275.00	
Street Lighting	6,737.38	
Lighting Town Buildings	997.41	
Water Town Buildings	575.00	
Int. Cons. Deposits	20.57	
Unidentified Cash	19.87	
Check Uncashed	236.70	
Check Uncashed	180.00	
Interest Light Loan	7.31	
		<hr/> \$ 9,049.24

School:

Lunch Program	\$ 14,547.51	
Tuition	712.00	
Athletics	314.20	
Vocational	1,306.19	
Superintendent	933.33	
State Tuition & Trans.	2,658.08	
Vending Machines	23.57	
Dog Fund	7.56	

Sales Books & Materials	11.00	
Education & Transportation	6,345.05	
State Construction	10,992.71	
Sale Center School	2,000.00	
		<hr/> \$ 39,851.20
Total Commerical Revenue		\$249,210.75

Miscellaneous Receipts

Withholding Tax	\$ 18,701.49	
Advertising Hearings	8.00	
Advertising Liquor Licenses ...	14.40	
Excise Refunds	103.85	
Insurance Refund	11.78	
Tailings	104.52	
Sale of Typewriter	5.00	
School Aid	16,200.00	
Division of Livestock	50.00	
Peddlers License	8.00	
Check Return d Light & Water	27.02	
Unidentified Cash Light	2.75	
Check Returned Light	59.68	
Express Refund	10.80	
Refund Sealer Expense	41.52	
Interest General Cash	412.50	
Refund Moth Dept.	3.13	
Hurricane Carol	6,569.56	
Insurance Refund	12.20	
		<hr/> \$ 42,346.20

Total from General Revenue, Commercial Revenue and Non-Revenue and Miscel- laneous Receipts	\$539,132.35
Cash Balance January 1, 1955	107,133.14
	<hr/> \$646,265.49

Expenditures

General Government:

Moderator, Salary	\$ 12.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 12.00

Selectmen's Salaries:

Chairman	\$ 325.00	
Clerk	200.00	
Member	150.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 675.00

Selectmen's Expenses:

Printing & Postage	\$ 190.28	
Other Expenses	189.41	
	<hr/>	\$ 379.69

Accountant's Salary	\$ 3,380.00	
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Accountant's Expense:

Printing & Postage	\$ 57.05	
Other Expenses	67.95	
	<hr/>	\$ 125.00

Treasurer Salary:

Salary	\$ 750.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 750.00

Treasurer Expense:

Printing & Postage	\$ 214.18	
Other Expense	257.88	
	<hr/>	\$ 472.06

Tax Collectors Salary:

Salary	\$ 2,200.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 2,200.00

Tax Collectors Expense:

Printing & Postage	\$ 524.02	
Other Expenses	71.30	
	<hr/>	\$ 595.32

Assessors Salaries:

Chairman	\$	600.00	
Clerk		280.00	
Member		250.00	
		<u> </u>	\$ 1,130.00

Assessors Expenses:

Printing & Postage	\$	316.46	
Transportation		21.20	
Other Expense		237.57	
		<u> </u>	\$ 575.23

Town Clerk Salary	\$	450.00	
		<u> </u>	\$ 450.00

Town Clerk Expenses:

Printing & Postage	\$	184.65	
Other Expenses		14.88	
		<u> </u>	\$ 199.53

Registrars Salaries:

Chairman	\$	100.00	
Other 3 (each \$50.00)		150.00	
		<u> </u>	\$ 250.00

Registrars Expense:

Cards and Lists	\$	197.40	
		<u> </u>	\$ 197.40

Election Officers:

Wages and Meals	\$	105.86	
		<u> </u>	\$ 105.86

Janitors Salary Town Hall	\$	240.00	
		<u> </u>	\$ 240.00

Town Hall Maintenance:

Openings	\$	33.00	
Telephone		221.15	
Flags		12.39	

Fuel	890.49	
Light	32.77	
Janitor Supplies	62.88	
Repairs	25.38	
Water	13.75	
Other Expenses	152.86	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,444.67
Town Hall Repairs:		
Building and Wall	\$ 78.00	
Police Station	7.89	
Radiators	47.88	
Toilets	4.58	
	<hr/>	\$ 138.35
Bonding Town Officers:		
Treasurer, Collector, Clerk,		
Dep. Coll.	\$ 433.50	
	<hr/>	\$ 433.50
Water in Town Buildings:		
Meter Readings	\$ 575.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 575.00
Lighting Town Buildings:		
Meter Readings	\$ 997.41	
	<hr/>	\$ 997.41
Repairs in, or on, or around Town Hall:		
Repair Sills	\$ 63.00	
Radiators	69.47	
Signs	140.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 272.47
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Total for General Government	\$	15,598.49

Protection of Persons and Property

Police:

Chief	\$ 3,356.16	
Night Patrol	2,723.50	
Specials	2,231.63	
Miscellaneous	115.53	
Dues	5.00	
Motor Ex., and Trans.	487.39	
Telephone	256.97	
Matron	24.65	
Posting Warrants	8.00	
Other Expense	89.17	
	<hr/>	\$ 9,298.00

Police Cruiser:

Purchase of Cruiser	\$ 1,936.80	
Additional Accessories	63.20	
	<hr/>	\$ 2,000.00

Fire Engineers Salaries:

Chief	\$ 300.00	
Clerk	200.00	
Member	150.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 650.00

Fire Department:

Call Men, Stewarts, Supt. of Alarms,		
Truck Mechanic	\$ 2,674.54	
Repair to Building	61.87	
Telephone	268.94	
Motor Expense	316.56	
Badges	13.28	
Repairs to Apparatus	85.32	
Fuel	565.14	
Alarm Repairs	63.38	
Miscellaneous Expense	327.49	
	<hr/>	\$ 4,376.52

Hose for Fire Department:

Purchase of Hose	\$ 997.47	
	<u> </u>	\$ 997.47

Dog Officers Salary:

Salary	\$ 100.00	
	<u> </u>	\$ 100.00

Inspector of Wiring:

Salary	\$ 90.00	
Transportation	5.00	
	<u> </u>	\$ 95.00

Sealer of Weights and Measurers:

Salary	\$ 150.00	
Purchase of Equipment	30.00	
Trans. and other Expense	76.22	
	<u> </u>	\$ 256.22

Dutch Elm Disease:

Superintendent	\$ 214.50	
Equipment	229.20	
Gas and Oil	2.09	
Storage for Sprayer	50.00	
Wages	588.50	
Truck	203.75	
Dozer	110.00	
	<u> </u>	\$ 1,398.04

Moth Department:

Superintendent	\$ 168.00	
Labor	479.50	
Trucks	90.00	
Files	1.09	
Storage	50.00	
Gas and Oil	77.50	
	<u> </u>	\$ 866.09

Tree Warden:

Superintendent	\$ 354.75	
Labor	635.34	

Trucks	213.25	
Equipment	195.40	
Insecticides	22.79	
Motor Expense	46.05	
Storage	30.00	
Planting Trees	800.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 2,297.58
Forest Fire Warden:		
Material	\$ 28.10	
Labor	170.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 198.10
Dog Officer Fees:		
Fees	\$ 149.50	
	<hr/>	\$ 149.50
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Protection of Persons and Property	\$	22,682.52

Health and Sanitation

Board of Health:		
Board and Care	\$ 658.00	
Dump	467.25	
Cat and Dog Burials	23.00	
Cement Cover	16.00	
Premature Births	224.65	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,388.90
Vital Statistics:		
Births and Deaths	\$ 140.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 140.00
Health Nurse:		
Salary	\$ 1,200.00	
Expenses	\$ 113.68	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,313.68

Inspector of Animals:

Salary	\$	100.00	
Transportation		5.00	
		<u> </u>	\$ 105.00

Inspector of Slaughtering:

Salary	\$	20.00	
Expenses		5.00	
		<u> </u>	\$ 25.00

Inspector of Milk:

Salary	\$	20.00	
Expenses		5.00	
		<u> </u>	\$ 25.00

Total for Health and Sanitation\$ 2,997.58

Highways

Vendome & Woodland Streets:

Pipe	\$	458.80	
Materials		67.74	
Supt.		69.00	
Labor		258.75	
Equip. Hire		145.71	
		<u> </u>	\$ 1,000.00

Church Street Wall & Sidewalk:

Supt.	\$	114.00	
Labor		743.13	
Roller		30.08	
Grader & Shovel		206.35	
Town Truck		80.00	
Gravel & Supply		52.11	
Hot Top		103.00	
Truck Hire		125.38	
Loam		234.00	

Dozer	76.00	
	<u> </u>	\$ 1,764.05

Highway T S:

Pipe	\$ 131.00	
Supplies	94.01	
Telephone	100.77	
Road Material	43.00	
Labor	210.88	
Rental of Equipment	394.25	
Signs	26.05	
	<u> </u>	\$ 999.96

Maintenance Road Machinery:

Repairs & Parts for Trucks	\$ 132.32	
Repair & Parts for Plow Tractor	189.17	
Parts for Loader	232.37	
Gas, Oil and Tires	947.06	
Grease	26.00	
Parts and Tools	11.28	
Supplies	37.74	
Dozer	13.50	
	<u> </u>	\$ 1,589.44

Highway Ch. 81:

Supt.	\$ 1,741.50	
Labor	6,596.15	
Trucks	941.71	
Road Materials	4,434.61	
Equipment & Repairs	152.86	
Town Truck	273.00	
Rental of Equipment	220.20	
Other Supplies	164.05	
	<u> </u>	\$ 14,524.08

Highway Ch. 90:

Supt.	\$ 711.00	
Labor	2,640.68	
Town Truck	278.35	
Rental of Equipment	1,815.40	

Trucks	1,005.25	
Cement	69.45	
Pipe	362.21	
Road Materials	\$ 2,617.62	
	<hr/>	\$ 9,499.96
Sidewalks, Railings & Bridges:		
Supt.	\$ 66.00	
Wages	7.50	
Material	21.00	
Lumber	5.20	
	<hr/>	\$ 99.70
Snow & Washouts:		
Supt.	\$ 683.00	
Labor	2,846.35	
Telephone	26.78	
Rental of Equipment	359.67	
Trucks	315.06	
Sand	409.48	
Fuel	97.00	
Light	6.00	
Plows	67.00	
Town Truck	153.50	
Tractor	36.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 4,999.84
Rocks Bridge:		
County Assessment	\$ 1,181.94	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,181.94
Street Lighting:		
Bill for Lights	\$ 6,737.38	
	<hr/>	\$ 6,737.38
Hurricane Damage Repairs:		
Labor	\$ 37.75	
	<hr/>	\$ 37.75
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Total for Highways	\$	42,434.10

Charities

Welfare Agent:

Salary	\$ 2,687.65	
	<hr/>	\$ 2,687.65

Welfare Board:

Chairman Salary	\$ 200.00	
Clerk Salary	200.00	
Member Salary	100.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 500.00

Welfare Department:

Clothing	\$ 25.72	
Groceries and Provisions	881.41	
Fuel	85.85	
Medical	253.50	
Cash	302.80	
Other Expenses	5.60	
Other Cities and Towns	1,133.39	
	<hr/>	\$ 2,668.82

Disability Assistance:

Cash	\$ 1,114.55	
Medical	461.55	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,576.10

Disability Assistance U. S.:

Cash	\$ 955.45	
Medical	159.95	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,115.40

Disability Assistance Admx:

Postage, supplies & Trans.	\$ 29.10	
	<hr/>	\$ 29.10

Aid to Dependent Children:

Cash	\$ 5,557.20	
Medical	597.36	
	<hr/>	\$ 6,154.56

Aid to Dependent Children, U. S.:

Cash	\$ 3,856.20	
Medical	365.17	
		\$ 4,221.37

Aid to Dependent Children Admx. U. S.:

Postage, supplies and Trans.	\$ 84.48	
		\$ 84.48

Old Age Assistance:

Cash	\$ 28,214.05	
Medical	5,790.19	
Other Cities and Towns	208.21	
		\$ 34,212.45

Old Age Assistance, U. S.:

Cash	\$ 24,560.41	
Other Cities and Towns	1,133.39	
Medical	3,864.71	
		\$ 29,558.51

Old Age, Assistance Admx, U. S.:

Postage, supplies and Trans.	\$ 357.98	
		\$ 357.98

Veterans Service Officer:

Salary	\$ 250.00	
		\$ 250.00
Office Expense	\$ 154.60	
		\$ 154.60

Soldiers Benefits:

Cash	\$ 1,791.40	
Provisions	30.00	
Medical	8.00	
Transportation	20.20	
		\$ 1,849.60

Total for Charities\$ 85,420.62

Schools and Library

Plans and Expense Regional School:

Costs for year 1955	\$ 520.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 520.00

School Department:

Paid in 1955 and itemized in School Report	\$113,378.67	
	<hr/>	\$113,378.67

Vocational Aid:

Tuition and Transportation	\$ 2,123.66	
	<hr/>	\$ 2,123.66

Library:

Librarian	\$ 737.33	
Janitor	200.00	
Books and Periodicals	438.79	
Janitor supplies and postage	23.92	
Repairs	122.08	
Fuel	295.77	
Misc. Expenses	9.47	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,827.36

Total for Schools and Library	\$117,849.69
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Recreation and Unclassified

Expense Finance Committee:

Reports	\$ 75.74	
	<hr/>	\$ 75.74

Revaluation:

Paid in 1955	\$ 2,929.10	
	<hr/>	\$ 2,929.10

Taking Census:

Road Work and Lists	\$ 450.00	
	<u> </u>	\$ 450.00

Town Forest:

Superintendent	\$ 15.00	
Labor	312.25	
Trucks	22.25	
Gas and Oil	1.65	
Tractor	48.00	
	<u> </u>	\$ 399.15

Playground:

Back Stop	\$ 250.00	
Materials	93.65	
Clay	48.00	
Labor	590.00	
Tools Sharpened	101.32	
Loam and Lime	136.50	
Rolling	75.00	
Bubbler	16.10	
Miscellaneous Supplies	39.43	
	<u> </u>	\$ 1,350.00

Salaries Instructors Playground:

Instructors Salaries	\$ 675.00	
	<u> </u>	\$ 675.00

Rental American Legion Quarters:

Rent for 1955	\$ 300.00	
	<u> </u>	\$ 300.00

Essex County Retirement:

Assessment for 1955	\$ 5,096.63	
	<u> </u>	\$ 5,096.63

Memorial Day:

Band	\$ 230.00	
Trans. Seats	4.50	
Sound Equipment	10.00	
Speaker	10.00	

Markers	20.50	
	<hr/>	\$ 275.00

Insurance:

Registration Fees	\$ 15.00	
Cruiser	66.00	
Trucks	175.79	
Public Liability	16.50	
Tractor	51.03	
Workmans Compensation	3,424.81	
Comprehensive	121.00	
Fire Accident	218.75	
Schedule Town	2,108.78	
Holdup Treasurer Collector	14.44	
	<hr/>	\$ 6,212.10

Printing Town Reports:

Bill for Reports	\$ 594.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 594.00

Kimball Park:

Bulbs	\$ 10.00	
Labor	101.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 111.00

Civil Defense:

Postage and Printing	\$ 33.95	
Clerk	1,235.00	
Telephone	190.55	
Transportation	20.46	
Communications	229.10	
Badges	12.25	
Materials and Supplies	127.56	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,848.87

Total for Recreation and Unclassified	\$ 20,316.59
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Enterprises and Cemetery

Water Extension, Winter and Church Street:

Labor	\$	90.00	
Screened Sand		116.43	
Materials		4,181.20	
Laying Pipe and Backfill		3,812.37	
		<hr/>	\$ 8,200.00

Water Extension, Birch Meadow Road No. 2:

Material	\$	1,425.40	
Laying Pipe and Backfill		994.02	
		<hr/>	\$ 2,419.42

Water Extension, Emery Street:

Pipe and Material	\$	687.15	
Repair Road		244.00	
Labor		217.75	
Town Truck		35.00	
Loader and Grader		123.50	
		<hr/>	\$ 1,307.40

Water Extension, Ridgefield Road:

Material and Supplies	\$	63.30	
Labor		54.82	
Laying Pipe and Backfill		575.68	
		<hr/>	\$ 693.80

Water Extension, Belmore Road:

Material and Supplies	\$	323.33	
Labor		54.82	
Laying Pipe and Backfill		787.76	
		<hr/>	\$ 1,165.91

Water Extension, Birch Meadow Road No. 1:

Material and Supplies	\$	153.97	
		<hr/>	\$ 153.97

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Light Commissioners Salaries:

Three Members each \$50.00	\$	150.00	
		<hr/>	\$ 150.00

Water Commissioners Salaries:

Three Members each \$50.00	\$	150.00	
		<hr/>	\$ 150.00

Public Service Enterprises:

Water	\$	23,711.70	
Consumers Deposits		1,693.65	
Light		103,127.56	
		<hr/>	\$128,532.91

Cemeteries:

Superintendent	\$	2,090.00	
Labor		958.63	
Clerk		50.00	
Loam		90.00	
Equipment		253.25	
Other Expenses		429.46	
		<hr/>	\$ 3,871.34

Care, Improvement and Embellishment of Cemeteries:

Superintendent	\$	770.00	
Labor		143.75	
Motor Expense		31.55	
Equipment		26.40	
Materials		1.75	
		<hr/>	\$ 973.45

Interest:

Light Loan	\$	315.00	
School Construction Loan		6,987.50	
Water Loan		402.50	
		<hr/>	\$ 7,705.00

Total for Enterprises and Cemeteries	\$155,323.20
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Other Payments

Personal 1952	\$ 7.60
Poll 1954	2.00
Personal 1954	56.61
Real 1954	192.40
Real 1955	750.24
Excise 1953	25.22
Excise 1954	356.96
Excise 1955	1,356.64
Withholding Tax	18,867.13
Dog Fees	425.60
Trust Funds in Transit	1,625.00
State Parks and Reservations	389.72
Auditing	1,172.12
County Tax	6,476.84
Essex County T. B. Hospital	3,516.83
Purchase Regulators Light Dept. ...	2,336.77
Light and Water Refunds	18.29
School Construction Loan	17,000.00
Old Age Assistance Recovery Fund	10.93
School Athletics	264.42
School Lunch	13,780.21
Stabilization Fund	5,000.00
	\$ 73,631.53
Total Payments for the Year 1955	\$536,254.32
Cash Balance, December 31, 1955	\$110,011.17
	\$646,265.49

TABLE OF ACCOUNTS

	Appropriations	Transfers In	Transfers Out	Refunds and Receipts	Total	Payments	Balances
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Moderator, Salary	12.00				12.00	12.00	
Town Clerk, Salary	450.00				450.00	450.00	
Selectmen, Salary, Chairman	325.00				325.00	325.00	
Selectmen, Salary, Clerk	200.00				200.00	200.00	
Selectmen, Salary, Other Memb.	150.00				150.00	150.00	
Public Welfare, Sal., Chairman	200.00				200.00	200.00	
Public Welfare, Salary, Clerk ..	200.00				200.00	200.00	
Public Welfare, Sal., Member ..	100.00				100.00	100.00	
Assessors, Salary Chairman	600.00				600.00	600.00	
Assessors, Salary, Clerk	280.00				280.00	280.00	
Assessors, Sal., Other Member ..	250.00				250.00	250.00	
Tax Collector, Salary	2,200.00				2,200.00	2,200.00	
Tree Warden, Dept. 1,500.00							
Tree Warden, Trees 800.00	2,300.00				2,300.00	2,297.58	2.42
Light Commissioners, Salary, 3 at \$50.00 each	150.00				150.00	150.00	
Water Commissioners, Salary, 3 at \$50.00 each	150.00				150.00	150.00	
Treasurer, Salary	750.00				750.00	750.00	
Selectmen, Departmental Ex. ..	400.00				400.00	379.69	20.31
Town Accountant, Salary	3,380.00				3,380.00	3,380.00	

TABLE OF ACCOUNTS—(Continued)

	Appropriations	Transfers In	Transfers Out	Refunds and Receipts	Total	Payments	Balances
Town Accountant, Expenses	125.00				125.00	125.00	
Treasurer, Expenses	500.00				500.00	472.06	27.94
Tax Collector, Expenses	600.00				600.00	595.32	4.68
Assessors, Expenses	800.00				800.00	575.23	224.77
Town Clerk, Expenses	300.00				300.00	199.53	100.47
Registrars of Voters, Salary, Chairman	100.00				100.00	100.00	
Other 3 members, each 50.00	150.00				150.00	150.00	
Janitor, Town Hall, Salary	240.00				240.00	240.00	
Town Hall Maintenance	1,500.00				1,500.00	1,444.67	55.33
Town Hall, Repairs	200.00				200.00	138.35	61.65
Bonding Town Officers	500.00				500.00	433.50	66.50
Election Officers	150.00				150.00	105.86	44.14
Police Department	9,298.00				9,298.00	9,298.00	
Fire Engineers, Chief, Salary ..	300.00				300.00	300.00	
Fire Engineers, Clerk, Salary ..	200.00				200.00	200.00	
Fire Engineers, Member, Salary	150.00				150.00	150.00	
Fire Department	4,400.00				4,400.00	4,376.52	23.48
Sealer of W. & M., Salary	150.00				150.00	150.00	
Sealer of W. & M. Expenses	35.00	30.00		41.52	106.52	106.22	.30
Inspector of Wiring, Salary	90.00				90.00	90.00	
Inspector of Wiring, Expenses	5.00				5.00	5.00	

	Appropriations	Transfers In	Transfers Out	Refunds and Receipts	Total	Payments	Balances
Dog Officer, fees	150.00				150.00	149.50	.50
Moth Department	869.00			3.13	872.13	866.09	6.04
Town Forest	400.00				400.00	399.15	.85
Forest Fire Warden	200.00				200.00	198.10	1.90
Board of Health	1,500.00				1,500.00	1,388.90	111.10
Health Nurse, Salary & Exp. ..	1,300.00	15.00			1,315.00	1,313.68	1.32
Inspector of Animals, Salary ...	100.00				100.00	100.00	
Inspector of Animals, Exp.	5.00				5.00	5.00	
Inspector of Slaughtering, Sal.	20.00				20.00	20.00	
Inspector of Slaughtering, Exp.	5.00				5.00	5.00	
Inspector of Milk, Salary	20.00				20.00	20.00	
Inspector of Milk, Exp.	5.00				5.00	5.00	
Snow and Washouts	3,500.00	1,500.00			5,000.00	4,999.84	.16
Sidewalks, Railings and Bridges	100.00				100.00	99.70	.30
Rocks Bridge	1,200.00				1,200.00	1,181.94	18.06
Street Lighting	6,737.38				6,737.38	6,737.38	
Public Welfare	5,000.00				5,000.00	2,668.82	2,331.18
Soldiers Benefits	3,500.00				3,500.00	1,849.60	1,650.40
Aid to Dependent Children	8,000.00				8,000.00	6,154.56	1,845.44
Old Age Assistance	40,000.00				40,000.00	34,212.45	5,787.55
Disability Assistance	4,000.00				4,000.00	1,576.10	2,423.90
School Department	115,978.00			7.56	115,985.56	113,378.67	2,606.89
Public Library Balance 18.14	1,500.00			309.22	1,827.36	1,827.36	

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	Appropriations	Transfers In	Transfers Out	Refunds and Receipts	Total	Payments	Balances
Memorial Day	275.00				275.00	275.00	
Vocational Aid	2,000.00	123.66			2,123.66	2,123.66	
Lighting Town Buildings	997.41				997.41	997.41	
Insurance	5,000.00	2,500.00			7,500.00	6,212.10	1,287.90
Reserve Fund	1,000.00		364.41		635.59		635.59
Interest	10,000.00				10,000.00	7,705.00	2,295.00
Cemeteries Balance 232.90	3,000.00			905.00	4,137.90	3,871.34	266.56
Vital Statistics	250.00				250.00	140.00	110.00
Water in Town Buildings	575.00				575.00	575.00	
Printing Town Reports	594.00				594.00	594.00	
	<u>\$249,670.79</u>						
Art. 7 Playgrounds	1,350.00				1,350.00	1,350.00	
Art. 8 Tax Title, Possessions, Repairs & Expenses	100.00				100.00		100.00
Art. 10 Hi'ways Thickly Settl'd	1,000.00				1,000.00	999.96	.04
Art. 11 Registrars' Expense	650.00				650.00	197.40	452.60
Art. 13 Legal Expenses	100.00				100.00		100.00
Art. 14 Highway Chap. 90	3,000.00	6,500.00			9,500.00	9,499.96	.04
Art. 15 Repairs, Town Hall	300.00				300.00	272.47	27.53
Art. 17 Highway Chap. 81	5,450.00	9,075.00			14,525.00	14,524.08	.92
Art. 18 Vet. Serv. Off., Salary	250.00				250.00	250.00	

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OTHER PAYMENTS NOT APPROPRIATED

	Balances	Transfers In	Transfers Out	Refunds and Receipts	Total	Payments	Balances
Maintenance, Road Machinery ..		1,600.00			1,600.00	1,589.44	10.56
Hurricane Carol				37.75	37.75	37.75	
Welfare Agent, Salary		2,880.00			2,880.00	2,687.65	192.35
Disability Assistance U.S.	1,462.99			327.67	1,790.66	1,115.40	675.26
Disability Asst. Admx. U.S. and State	248.52			135.01	383.53	29.10	354.43
A. D. C. U.S.	1,605.51			4,326.42	5,931.93	4,221.37	1,710.56
A. D. C. Admx., U.S.	532.95			322.23	855.18	84.48	770.70
Old Age U.S.	6,392.51			28,288.33	34,680.84	29,558.51	5,122.33
Old Age Admx., U.S.	4,833.80		2,880.00	1,339.18	3,292.98	357.98	2,935.00
Expense, Finance Board		75.75			75.75	75.74	.01
Kimball Park				115.00	115.00	111.00	4.00
Water Extension, Emery St....	10,069.01		8,200.00		1,869.01	1,307.40	561.61
Water Ext., Ridgefield Rd.	1,562.17				1,562.17	693.80	868.37
Water Ext., Winter, Church Sts.		8,200.00			8,200.00	8,200.00	
Birch Meadow Water Ext. No. 1	1,353.97		1,200.00		153.97	153.97	
Water Ext., Belmore Rd.	2,923.22				2,923.22	1,165.91	1,757.31
Light Maint. Operation, Debt	17,134.32			94,167.33	111,301.65	103,127.56	8,174.09
Personal 1952				7.60	7.60	7.60	
Personal 1954				56.61	56.61	56.61	
Real 1954				192.40	192.40	192.40	

	Balances	Transfers In	Transfers Out	Refunds and Receipts	Total	Payments	Balances
Real 1955				750.24	750.24	750.24	
Excise 1953				25.22	25.22	25.22	
Excise 1954				356.96	356.96	356.96	
Excise 1955				1,356.64	1,356.64	1,356.64	
Withholding Tax				18,867.13	18,867.13	18,867.13	
Dog Fees				425.60	425.60	425.60	
Consumers Deposit	1,681.16			420.57	2,101.73	1,693.65	408.08
Trust Funds in Transit				1,625.00	1,625.00	1,625.00	
State Parks				443.04	443.04	389.72	53.32
Auditing				1,172.12	1,172.12	1,172.12	
County Taxes				6,476.84	6,476.84	6,476.84	
Essex County T. B. Hospital				3,516.83	3,516.83	3,516.83	
Purchase Regulators and Generators	2,718.40			180.00	2,898.40	2,336.77	561.63
Light & Water Returned to Customers				18.29	18.29	18.29	
Stablization Fund		5,000.00			5,000.00	5,000.00	
Old Age Assistance Recovery Fund				10.93	10.93	10.93	
School Athletics				264.42	264.42	264.42	
School Lunch				13,780.21	13,780.21	13,780.21	
Care, Imp. & Emb., Cemeteries		975.00			975.00	973.45	1.55
Poll 1954				2.00	2.00	2.00	
Total	53,002.29	39,794.41	12,644.41	180,333.68	587,828.39	536,254.32	51,574.07

RECAPITULATION

Appropriations	\$327,342.42	
Accounts Balances	53,002.29	
Refunds and Receipts	180,333.68	
	<u>\$560,678.39</u>	
Transferred to Accounts:		
To Sealers Expenses	\$ 30.00	From Reserve Fund
To Health Nurse Expense	15.00	From Reserve Fund
To Snow and Washouts	1,500.00	From Surplus Revenue
To Vocational Aid	123.66	From Reserve Fund
To Insurance	2,500.00	From Surplus Revenue
To Highway Chapter 90	6,500.00	From Surplus Revenue
To Highway Chapter 81	9,075.00	From Surplus Revenue
To Regional School Expense	120.00	From Reserve Fund
To Birchmeadow Water Ex. No. 2	1,200.00	From Birchmeadow Water Ex. No. 1
To Maint. Road Machinery	1,600.00	From Road Machinery
To Welfare Agent Salary	2,880.00	From Old Age Admx. U. S.
To Expense Finance Board	75.75	From Reserve Fund
To Water Ex. Winter & Church St.	8,200.00	From Water Ex. Emery St.
To Stablization Fund	5,000.00	From Surplus Revenue
To Care, Imp., Emb., Cemetery	975.00	From Sale of Lots
	<u>\$ 39,794.41</u>	
		<u>\$600,472.80</u>

Transferred from Accounts:			
From Reserve Fund	.....\$	364.41	To Various Accounts Above
From Old Age Admx. U. S.	.....	2,880.00	To Welfare Agent Salary
From Water Ex. Emery St.	.....	8,200.00	To Water Ex. Winter & Church St.
From Birchmeadow No. 1	.....	1,200.00	To Birchmeadow No. 2
		<u>\$ 12,644.41</u>	
		\$587,828.39	
Accounts, Balances	.....	\$ 51,574.07	
Payment for Year 1955	.....	\$536,254.32	

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS

	Original Deposit	Balance Beginning of year	Income	With- drawn or Expended	Balance Dec. 31 1955
M. E. Sargent Fund.....	\$100.00	200.42	5.54	5.00	200.96
Eliza M. Sawyer—Thomas Sawyer Lot	114.00	115.86	3.19	5.00	114.05
Emily S. Goodwin—Patten Sargent Lot.....	250.00	250.98	6.93	5.00	252.91
John and Sophia Merrill.....	200.00	200.22	5.53	5.00	200.75
Moses Goodrich.....	190.00	100.01	2.77	2.00	100.78
W. A. Paine—Henry Sargent Lot.....	50.00	51.00	1.40	2.00	50.40
J. E. Prescott	250.00	250.80	6.93	5.00	252.73
Rhoda S. Poore—Daniel Poore Lot.....	400.00	406.30	11.23	10.00	407.53
Rhoda S. Poore—Frederick Sargent Lot.....	200.00	201.44	5.57	5.00	202.01
Otis M. Little	200.00	200.80	5.54	5.00	201.34
Susan G. Sargent-westerly half of J. B. Sargent Lot	75.00	76.14	2.11	3.00	75.25
Mariette B. Sargent—William P. Colby Lot	250.00	264.24	7.30	10.00	261.54
Caroline S. Noyes—Somerby Noyes Lot	100.00	101.82	2.81	4.00	100.63
Adeline Whittier	100.00	101.78	2.81	4.00	100.59
J. Warren Sargent.....	100.00	100.33	2.77	3.00	100.10
Ruth Rowell—Jacob Rowell and Charles Dow Lot....	200.00	200.56	5.54	5.00	201.10
Sarah Pattee—Asa Ford and Sarah Pattee Lot	175.00	175.19	4.84	5.00	175.03
Sarah Pattee—William Gunnison Lot	125.00	125.31	3.47	3.00	125.78
I. B. Little	337.87	340.38	9.42	10.00	339.80
John Bancroft	50.00	50.68	1.39	2.00	50.07

Captain Aaron Bancroft	50.00	50.77	1.39	2.00	50.16
Thomas D. Nelson	150.00	151.02	4.18	5.00	150.20
Mabel Shepardson—Isaac Jones Lot	100.00	101.69	2.81	4.00	100.50
Henry E. Crosby	65.00	65.84	1.80	2.00	65.64
A. Linda Little	150.00	151.11	4.18	5.00	150.29
Etta H. Colby	100.00	100.88	2.78	3.00	100.66
Mrs. Gilman Hoyt	100.00	100.19	2.77	2.00	100.96
Phineas Chase	100.00	100.22	2.77	2.00	100.99
Charles A. Bridges	100.00	100.28	2.77	3.00	100.05
Louise Clement—John S. Clement Lot	100.00	100.96	2.78	3.00	100.74
Carrie C. Noyes	150.00	150.80	4.15	4.00	150.95
W. O. Smiley—William and Francis Smiley	100.00	100.05	2.77	2.00	100.82
Hattie and Carrie Baxter	100.00	100.93	2.78	3.00	100.71
Pamella C. Trefethen—Ephraim Trefethen Lot	100.00	100.93	2.78	3.00	100.71
Ida E. Stevens	125.00	125.69	3.47	4.00	125.16
Mary A. Chase, William and Mary A. Chase	100.00	100.91	2.78	3.00	100.69
Stuart Chase and Sargent	250.00	251.51	6.94	5.00	253.45
Charles A. Noyes—Charles A. Noyes Lot	75.00	75.25	2.08	2.00	75.33
Mason W. R. Downing—John Sargent and Ichabod Nichols Lot	125.00	125.54	3.47	4.00	125.01
William Gilday	200.00	201.45	5.57	5.00	202.02
Moses Stevens	100.00	100.19	2.77	2.00	100.96
Elizabeth M. Cooper—Joseph Cooper Lot	100.00	101.00	2.79	3.00	100.79
Amos Weed	100.00	100.83	2.78	3.00	100.61
E. Fannie Bradley—Daniel Bradley	100.00	100.14	2.77	2.00	100.91
Porter Sargent	150.00	150.62	4.15	4.00	150.77
Addie F. Sawyer	100.00	100.92	2.78	3.00	100.70

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS—(Continued)

	Original Deposit	Balance Beginning of year	Income	With- drawn or Expended	Balance Dec. 31 1955
Melville S. Gibbs	100.00	100.59	2.77	3.00	100.36
Arthur C. Sargent	100.00	100.84	2.78	3.00	100.62
Heirs of A. R. Kimball	100.00	100.16	2.77	2.00	100.93
George E. Ricker—Capt. J. W. Sargent	100.00	100.62	2.78	3.00	100.40
Alfred G. Wells—R. K. Nichols, Patriquin & Wells	200.00	202.47	5.60	5.00	203.07
Stephen C. Parsons	200.00	201.21	5.55	5.00	201.76
Alfred H. Colby—A. M. Colby Lot	200.00	201.31	5.57	5.00	201.88
George S. Sargent	100.00	100.50	2.77	3.00	100.27
Frank Ward	200.00	201.44	5.57	5.00	202.01
R. W. Sargent and D. A. Moulton	200.00	201.01	5.55	5.00	201.56
Samuel C. Pease	150.00	150.97	4.16	5.00	150.13
Agnes F. Judkins, George W. & Olive O. Judkins Lot	150.00	150.40	4.15	4.00	150.55
Willard D. Sargent—Edward P. Sargent	200.00	201.65	5.57	5.00	202.22
Everett Carlton—Richard Stoyle Lot	100.00	100.18	2.77	2.00	100.95
A. E. Porter—S. L. Porter & Mary Emery	150.00	150.77	4.15	4.00	150.92
Donald MacDiarmid	150.00	150.63	4.15	4.00	150.78
William H. Young	100.00	101.18	2.79	3.00	100.97
Mary A. Hoyt—Thomas Hoyt Lot	200.00	201.53	5.57	5.00	202.10
Willard D. Sargent—Captain Moses Sargent	100.00	100.51	2.77	3.00	100.28
Willard D. Sargent—Nicholas Sargent	100.00	100.29	2.77	3.00	100.06
Lilla P. Larraway—H. W. Larraway Lot	100.00	100.95	2.78	3.00	100.73

Warren E. Wallace	100.00	100.56	2.77	3.00	100.33
Justin Clement	75.00	75.79	2.08	2.00	75.87
Emma P. Emerson—Alfred Chase Lot	100.00	100.03	2.77	2.00	100.80
John W. Foster	150.00	150.72	4.15	4.00	150.87
John H. Cleary	100.00	101.09	2.79	3.00	100.88
M. A. Gassett	100.00	101.00	2.79	3.00	100.79
J. W. Johnson	100.00	100.38	2.77	3.00	100.15
William Greely	300.00	303.50	8.39	10.00	301.89
Moses S. Brown—Charles E. Hoyt Lot	100.00	100.21	2.77	2.00	100.98
John B. Judkins	350.00	357.51	9.89	10.00	357.40
Henry C. Fox	100.00	100.53	2.77	3.00	100.30
George D. Larkin—Little, Larkin & Oliver Larkin Lot	300.00	303.24	8.39	10.00	301.63
Addie Haley	100.00	100.70	2.78	3.00	100.48
Jacob F. Crosby	100.00	101.05	2.79	3.00	100.84
Willis H. Scott	75.00	75.90	2.08	2.00	75.98
Herbert F. Chase ..	100.00	101.15	2.79	3.00	100.94
Joseph H. Leavitt—Daniel Leavitt Lot	100.00	101.11	2.79	3.00	100.90
William Betts	150.00	150.72	4.15	4.00	150.87
James D. Pike & Horace J. Batchelder	100.00	100.14	2.77	2.00	100.91
George H. Nichols	200.00	202.31	5.60	5.00	202.91
Gustavus D. Veal—G. D. Veal & George Grant Lot	100.00	100.76	2.78	3.00	100.54
Edward G. Sherman	150.00	151.47	4.18	5.00	150.65
Charles E. Rowell	150.00	151.00	4.18	5.00	150.18
Erastus Sargent	100.00	100.34	2.77	3.00	100.11
Mary E. Robinson	150.00	150.24	4.15	4.00	150.39
Charles A. Wallace and Helen Chamberlain	100.00	100.30	2.77	3.00	100.07
Frank C. Williams	100.00	100.66	2.78	3.00	100.44

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS—(Continued)

	Original Deposit	Balance Beginning of year	Income	With- drawn or Expended	Balance Dec. 31 1955
Melville A. Cunningham	100.00	100.36	2.77	3.00	100.13
Daniel H. Means	100.00	100.25	2.77	3.00	100.02
Conrad Kippenberger	50.00	50.36	1.39		51.75
Judson S. Jewett	100.00	100.89	2.78	3.00	100.67
Herbert C. Oak	150.00	150.62	4.15	4.00	150.77
Walter L. Chaloner	200.00	202.42	5.60	5.00	203.02
Benjamin Rowell ..	50.00	50.04	1.38		51.42
Moses Sawyer	50.00	50.26	1.38		51.64
Charles S. Lockwood	100.00	100.97	2.78	3.00	100.75
Fred B. Porter	100.00	100.14	2.77	2.00	100.91
Rufus H. Bennett	100.00	100.86	2.78	3.00	100.64
Thomas H. Hoyt	150.00	150.65	4.15	4.00	150.80
N. L. and Ella S. Howe	100.00	100.80	2.78	3.00	100.58
Edmund Ricker	100.00	100.72	2.78	3.00	100.50
Tappan Sargent and Franklin Mason	100.00	100.58	2.77	3.00	100.35
Austin Sawyer	100.00	100.26	2.77	3.00	100.03
George H. Tilton	100.00	100.15	2.77	2.00	100.92
Moses C. Flanders	50.00	50.99	1.39	2.00	50.38
Edwin F. Goodwin and Thomas Goodwin	150.00	150.54	4.15	4.00	150.69
Fred M. Cate	100.00	100.24	2.77	3.00	100.01

Mary A. Noyes	100.00	100.89	2.78	3.00	100.67
Clara Kendall	200.00	201.67	5.57	5.00	202.24
Daniel W. Gould	100.00	100.57	2.77	3.00	100.34
David Tewksbury and Thomas Merrill	150.00	150.46	4.15	4.00	150.61
Stephen Nichols	100.00	100.55	2.77	3.00	100.32
Betsy A. Veal	100.00	100.47	2.77	3.00	100.24
Frank Hargraves	100.00	100.87	2.78	3.00	100.65
John Logan	100.00	100.52	2.77	3.00	100.29
Charles Colman	100.00	100.32	2.77	3.00	100.09
Julia Whaland ..	150.00	151.89	4.18	5.00	151.07
Norman S. Cole	200.00	201.24	5.57	5.00	201.81
Mary Ordway	100.00	101.26	2.79	4.00	100.05
John T. Lovett	200.00	202.29	5.60	5.00	202.89
William H. Franklin	200.00	303.01	8.39	10.00	301.40
Helen G. Linden	100.00	100.43	2.77	3.00	100.20
Clifton B. Heath	150.00	150.92	4.15	5.00	150.07
Mary Sargent—Orlando Sargent	100.00	100.13	2.77	2.00	100.90
John K. Sargent	100.00	100.98	2.78	3.00	100.76
Mary H. Sargent—Hayden Sargent	100.00	100.94	2.78	3.00	100.72
Roswell J. Eaton	100.00	100.48	2.77	3.00	100.25
John E. Currier—Joshua Currier	150.00	150.16	4.15	4.00	150.31
John E. Currier	125.00	125.13	3.45	3.00	125.58
Single Graves	160.00	160.96	4.44	5.00	160.40
Anne M. Sargent—John L. Sargent	125.00	125.37	3.47	3.00	125.84
Fred R. Weed	200.00	200.99	5.54	5.00	201.53
Mary J. Murphy—J. H. Murphy Lot	100.00	100.34	2.77	3.00	100.11
Edward H. Preble	125.00	125.34	3.47	3.00	125.81

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS—(Continued)

	Original Deposit	Balance Beginning of year	Income	With- drawn or Expended	Balance Dec. 31 1955
Edwin S. Lane	100.00	100.12	2.77	2.00	100.89
Eldridge D. Young	100.00	100.75	2.78	3.00	100.53
Mary E. Hoyt	150.00	150.90	4.15	5.00	150.05
Harriet E. Story—F. A. Sargent and Story Lot	100.00	100.28	2.77	3.00	100.05
Phillip E. Quimby	100.00	100.85	2.78	3.00	100.63
Rebecca P. Little—Arthur Sargent & Ed. Sargent Lot	200.00	201.78	5.57	5.00	202.35
Clarence T. Allison	100.00	100.52	2.77	3.00	100.29
Sarah B. Titcomb and Eva J. Titcomb	300.00	303.83	8.41	10.00	302.24
John Heald—Isaac Heald Lot	200.00	201.20	5.55	5.00	201.75
Jennie S. Prescott—George S. Prescott	100.00	100.60	2.77	3.00	100.37
Annie Tuttle—A. Small—Lawson Lot	100.00	100.77	2.78	3.00	100.55
Benjamin F. Sargent	300.00	303.62	8.39	10.00	302.01
Ralph H. Sargent	100.00	100.67	2.78	3.00	100.45
Fullington Ashley Lot	100.00	100.36	2.77	3.00	100.13
Laura Patten—T. Hayden Patten	200.00	201.11	5.55	5.00	201.66
George T. Crouse	100.00	100.39	2.77	3.00	100.16
Nellie M. Hall—Thomas Fraser Lot	100.00	100.06	2.77	2.00	100.83
Lottie Hopkins—Nichols—Hopkins Lot	100.00	100.26	2.77	3.00	100.03
Louise C. Brackett—William Russell Lot	100.00	100.30	2.77	3.00	100.07
Marion Armstrong—Armstrong & McInnis Lot	400.00	405.36	11.21	10.00	406.57

Theodore L. Hayes	200.00	201.74	5.57	5.00	202.31
Frank M. Haynes	100.00	100.71	2.78	3.00	100.49
F. L. Parker	150.00	150.31	4.15	4.00	150.46
Dr F. E. Sweetsir	450.00	453.69	12.54	10.00	456.23
William N. Pettigrew	100.00	107.94	2.97	5.00	105.91
Fred S. Hardwick	150.00	150.32	4.15	4.00	150.47
J. Melvin Clement	100.00	100.10	2.77	2.00	100.87
Edwin S. McKay	100.00	100.97	2.78	3.00	100.75
Harry A. Stickney	150.00	150.47	4.15	4.00	150.62
B. F. Hardwick	150.00	150.25	4.15	4.00	150.40
Emma L. Sargent—Orlando Sargent Lot	150.00	150.57	4.15	4.00	150.72
Emma L. Sargent—O. F. Seavey Lot	150.00	150.75	4.15	4.00	150.90
Elsie G. Mathews—Elmer Grant Lot	200.00	201.88	5.57	5.00	202.45
Sarah A. Spillers—Frank Burnham Lot	200.00	201.23	5.55	5.00	201.78
Lettie F. Whitney—Herbert Whitney Lot	300.00	303.52	8.39	10.00	301.91
Fred W. Mathison	100.00	100.72	2.78	3.00	100.50
Minnie A. Chapman—Judson Webster Lot	125.00	125.33	3.47	3.00	125.80
Frederick W. Carter	200.00	202.42	5.60	5.00	203.02
Ethel A. Goodwin—Charles Goodwin Lot	200.00	201.90	5.57	5.00	202.47
Lucy J. Bagley—Mrs. Clarence Bagley Lot	100.00	100.45	2.77	3.00	100.22
Samuel W. Condon	400.00	405.41	11.21	10.00	406.62
Samuel L. Porter—Joseph Porter Lot	150.00	151.92	4.20	5.00	151.12
Benjamin B. Wood	200.00	201.92	5.57	5.00	202.49
May Belle Brown	100.00	100.83	2.78	3.00	100.61
Norman M. Hunter—A. Goodwin Lot	200.00	202.08	5.59	5.00	202.67
Ida C. Tobey	100.00	100.32	2.77	3.00	100.09
John E. Bean	75.00	75.20	2.08	2.00	75.28
Mary E. Tuxbury	150.00	151.02	4.18	5.00	150.20

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS—(Continued)

	Original Deposit	Balance Beginning of year	Income	With- drawn or Expended	Balance Dec. 31 1955
Maud G. Carter	100.00	101.45	2.79	4.00	100.24
Georgia G. Patten—Hayden Patten Lot	100.00	101.02	2.79	3.00	100.81
Frank Glines—Glines—Bartlett	150.00	152.22	4.21	5.00	151.43
William Evans—Lucien Chapin Lot	50.00	52.08	1.44	3.00	50.52
William Dwyer	50.00	50.05	1.38		51.43
Delma Black, Adelina T. Jones Lot	100.00	100.33	2.77	3.00	100.10
Ruth Hargraves	100.00	100.54	2.77	3.00	100.31
Jennie Chase—Moses Stevens Lot	100.00	103.17	2.85	5.00	101.02
Richard E. Sargent—E. Fieldsend Lot	100.00	100.19	2.77		102.96
Richard E. Sargent	125.00	125.77	3.47	4.00	125.24
Eva J. Grant	100.00	102.17	2.82	4.00	100.99
Clara Foster—John Foster Lot	200.00	202.11	5.59	5.00	202.70
Jeannette E. Whittier—Wendell B. Whittier	150.00	150.45	4.15	4.00	150.60
Luther W. Bridges—E. C. Bridges, J. Whitman	150.00	151.83	4.18	5.00	151.01
William S. Tuckwell—Newton Tuckwell Lot	50.00	50.61	1.39		52.00
William S. Tuckwell—S. S. Tuckwell Lot	50.00	50.61	1.39		52.00
Abbie W. Sargent—Alexander Smart Lot	225.00	226.57	6.26	5.00	227.83
Francis P. Clement	200.00	201.65	5.57	5.00	202.22
Wilbur H. Colby—Joseph Colby Lot	200.00	202.37	5.60	5.00	202.97
Katherine F. MacMasters	150.00	151.65	4.18	5.00	150.83
Louise A. Thacher	200.00	202.92	5.60	5.00	203.52

Willie Colby—Warren Colby Lot	100.00	101.31	2.79	4.00	100.10
Willie Colby—William H. Colby Lot	100.00	100.28	2.77	3.00	100.05
Alice E. Purdy	150.00	151.49	4.18	5.00	150.67
John S. Poyen	500.00	507.61	14.04	15.00	506.65
Anna Bird	200.00	202.11	5.59	5.00	202.70
Pearl M. Stevens	150.00	151.24	4.18	5.00	150.42
Fred O. Bailey	200.00	202.28	5.60	5.00	202.88
Charles L. Waterhouse	150.00	151.49	4.18	5.00	150.67
Sarah K. Noyes	100.00	101.39	2.79	4.00	100.18
Clarence W. Crosby	150.00	151.96	4.20	5.00	151.16
Donald E. Stevens—Charles Stevens Lot	300.00	303.30	8.39	10.00	301.69
Edith E. Wood—James Wood Lot	150.00	151.67	4.18	5.00	150.85
Augustus N. Parry—John and Louise Elliott	100.00	100.46	2.77	3.00	100.23
Dustin Hall and B. Frost	400.00	403.14	11.15	10.00	404.29
Charles L. Waterhouse—Almon Waterhouse Lot ...	150.00	151.38	4.18	5.00	150.56
Charles L. Waterhouse—Moses Sargent Lot	150.00	151.94	4.20	3.00	153.14
Leon L. Dow	200.00	202.83	5.60		208.43
Harry W. Bailey—Richard Bailey	200.00	202.97	5.60		208.57
George S. Nelson—Brown—Nelson	100.00	100.79	2.78		103.57
Edith A. Wood—George T. Goldsmith	150.00	151.60	4.18		155.78
Pollie C. Grant—F. C. Grant Lot	150.00	151.32	4.18		155.50
Sarah Anderson—Moses Evans—Moses Hoyt Lot	100.00	100.48	2.77		103.25
Clara E. Patten—Patten Clement Lot	200.00	201.90	5.57		207.47
Byron Sargent	300.00	303.66	8.39		312.05
Alice Mercer	200.00	203.57	5.62		209.19
William Cleary	200.00	202.55	5.60		208.15
John A. Tidd	200.00	203.28	5.62		208.90

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS—(Continued)

	Original Deposit	Balance Beginning of year	Income	With- drawn or Expended	Balance Dec. 31 1955
Nellie Newhall	200.00	203.25	5.62		208.87
Sadie Hopkins—J. Danforth	100.00	101.44	2.79		104.23
Charles A. Bacon	150.00	152.38	4.21		156.59
William D. Large	150.00	151.39	4.18		155.57
Maude Adams	200.00	202.69	5.60		208.29
Charles L. Waterhouse	100.00	100.90	2.78		103.68
The Olive S. Wilde Fund—Morse—Wilde	300.00	305.47	8.44		313.91
Mabel Bettors	150.00	151.33	4.18		155.51
Zenas Lovell ..	200.00	206.86	5.70		212.56
Parker Walton	200.00	208.60	5.76		214.36
Estate of William Tuckwell	200.00	206.25	5.70		211.95
Esther M. Gormley—Katherine Connor Lot	150.00	155.01	4.29		159.30
Henrietta Anderson—Samuel Goodwin Lot.....	150.00	155.01	4.29		159.30
Anderson Heaton	50.00	51.48	1.42		52.90
Mary E. Chaff	100.00	103.92	2.86		106.78
Cora L. Wadleigh—D. Porter Wadleigh	150.00	154.17	4.27		158.44
Grace L. MacDonald—John Colman Lot	150.00	154.17	4.27		158.44
George Hosford	200.00	208.33	5.76		214.09
A. W. Chase	100.00	103.63	2.86		106.49
A. Merrill Howe	200.00	207.32	5.74		213.06
Luella Cunningham	200.00	206.19	5.70		211.89

Imogene Pettigrew	150.00	155.56	4.29	159.85
Frances and Bernard Bailey	150.00	154.78	4.27	159.05
Sybil A. Schiavoni	100.00	102.95	2.83	105.78
Mary C. Smith	200.00	207.01	5.72	212.73
Alberta Perreault	150.00	155.65	4.29	159.94
George W. J. Murphy	200.00	207.51	5.74	213.25
Harriet E. Cupples	500.00	519.31	14.37	533.68
Eva L. Lavalley	200.00	206.88	5.70	212.58
Isaiah S. McClure	100.00	103.77	2.86	106.63
Minnie Morrison, George M. Eaton, John E. Trull	200.00	205.92	5.68	211.60
Estate of J. E. Kemp	150.00	154.59	4.27	158.86
F. Leslie Viccaro	150.00	158.90	4.38	163.28
George E. Franklin	150.00	154.26	4.27	158.53
Stella Shorts	150.00	154.73	4.27	159.00
Gertrude L. Williams	200.00	207.31	5.74	213.05
William Lamb	35.00	36.27	1.00	37.27
Ellen G. Heath	400.00	412.04	11.40	423.44
Ernest P. Dill	300.00	310.78	8.59	319.37
Emma L. Randall	300.00	310.85	8.59	319.44
Rudolph J. & Vivian Woyvoda	200.00	208.59	5.76	214.35
William H. Churchill	200.00	207.16	5.74	212.90
The Ada Seymore Trust	50.00	52.63	1.45	54.08
Helen F. Lucy	300.00	309.50	8.55	318.05
Carleton C. Witham	200.00	206.03	5.69	211.72
Charles E. Colman	200.00	206.03	5.69	211.72
Albert Ellis	150.00	155.42	4.29	159.71
William Rowell and William Sayre	300.00	310.62	8.58	319.20
Ralph and Minnie Sargent	300.00	309.57	8.55	318.12

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS—(Continued)

	Original Deposit	Balance Beginning of year	Income	With- drawn or Expended	Balance Dec. 31 1955
Pearle Kinney—Harry Kinney	200.00	206.35	5.70		212.05
Ida E. Cushing	300.00	309.95	8.57		318.52
George W. Earl	300.00	309.36	8.55		317.91
George W. Evans	300.00	309.36	8.55		317.91
Samuel Colby	100.00	106.13	2.93		109.06
Burton Colby	100.00	106.13	2.93		109.06
Nettie Morse	200.00	207.16	5.74		212.90
James T. Colgan	200.00	205.05	5.67		210.72
Kenneth and Marion Haskell	200.00	206.20	5.70		211.90
Clarence V. Huntress	300.00	308.80	8.54		317.34
Florence Lee	100.00	103.55	2.85		106.40
Charles Vincent	250.00	256.80	7.10		263.90
Francis MacDonald	150.00	153.69	4.23		157.92
Follansbee Nichols lot	300.00	307.09	8.50		315.59
Charles Odiorne	100.00	105.78	2.91		108.69
Bertha Clarke	300.00	307.48	8.50		315.98
E. D. Ovington	200.00	204.37	5.66		210.03
Bertha M. Wiggin	300.00	305.33	8.44		313.77
Will G. Sprague	200.00	206.95	5.70		212.65
Merrill I. Goldsmith	150.00	154.84	4.27		159.11
Dale W. Blackden	300.00	309.71	8.55		318.26

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS—(Continued)

	Original Deposit	Balance Beginning of year	Income	With- drawn or Expended	Balance Dec. 31 1955
Stephen Kelley	200.00	205.07	5.67		210.74
Flora Clement	100.00	102.54	2.82		105.36
Heman W. Kelley	200.00	205.07	5.67		210.74
Mabel A. Bailey	200.00	205.07	5.67		210.74
Sylvia Hidden	50.00	51.03	1.40		52.43
Edwin H. Armstrong	600.00	608.25	16.83		625.08
Doris Connor	50.00	50.69	1.39		52.08
S. S. Thompson	300.00	302.06	8.36		310.42
Charles Staples	150.00	150.00	4.15		154.15
George Clough	300.00	300.00	8.31		308.31
Ada Calhoun	200.00	200.00	5.53		205.53
Ernest Hewson	300.00	300.00	7.61		307.61
Walter H. Sargent	200.00	200.00	4.14		204.14
Interest Adjustment		\$ 51,545.59			
		.02			
		\$ 51,545.61			
		1955 New Bequests and Additions			
P. Clyde Smith	200.00		1.83		201.83
Sally Winn	150.00		1.03		151.03
Harold Martin	400.00				400.00
		\$ 51,545.59	\$ 1,424.35	\$ 905.00	\$ 52,814.96

RECAPITULATION

Balance, January 1, 1955	.....	\$ 51,545.59
Interest Adjustment	.....	.02
Bequests, 1955	.....	750.00
Income, 1955	.....	1,424.35
Total	.....	\$ 53,719.96
Withdrawals in 1955	.....	905.00
Balance, January 1, 1956	.....	\$ 52,814.96

TRUST FUNDS

Cash in Custody of Town Treasurer	\$ 96,208.77	Stabilization Fund	\$ 10,254.60
		War Bonds Income	645.32
		Library Funds	2,900.00
		Thomas Hoyt Library Funds	26,472.42
		Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	52,814.96
		Kimball Park Funds	3,121.47
	<u>\$ 96,208.77</u>		<u>\$ 96,208.77</u>

PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISE FUNDS

	Balance Dec. 31, 1954	Interest	Added in 1955	Balance Dec. 31, 1955
Electric Light Depreciation				
Provident Institution, Amesbury	\$ 3,938.80	\$ 119.03		\$ 4,057.83
Merrimac Savings Bank	7,891.57	216.62	4,929.29	13,037.48
	<u>\$ 11,830.37</u>	<u>\$ 335.65</u>	<u>\$ 4,929.29</u>	<u>\$17,095.31</u>

PUBLIC LIBRARY

	Original Amount	Balance Dec. 31, 1954	Interest	Withdrawals	Balance Dec. 31, 1955
Nichols Memorial Fund	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 13.84	\$ 13.84	\$ 500.00
James D. Whittier	457.07	500.00	13.84	13.84	500.00
D. J. Poore	500.00	500.00	13.84	13.84	500.00
A. E. Goodwin	200.00	200.00	5.53	5.53	200.00
Laura Patten	500.00	500.00	13.84	13.84	500.00
Willie Colby	200.00	200.00	5.53	5.53	200.00
Thomas H. Hoyt		13,458.52	374.82	235.92	13,972.42
Added to Hoyt Fund Merrimac			375.00		
Added in 1955 Dr. Henry J. Cushing	500.00		6.88	6.88	500.00
Balances in Merrimac Savings Bank	\$ 500.00	\$ 15,858.52	\$ 823.12	\$ 309.22	\$ 16,872.42
Haverhill Savings Bank—T. H. Hoyt Fund		5,000.00	150.00	150.00	5,000.00
Danvers Savings Bank—T. H. Hoyt Fund		7,500.00	225.00	225.00	7,500.00
	\$ 500.00	\$ 28,358.52	\$ 1,198.12	\$ 684.22	\$ 29,372.42
RECAPITULATION					
Balances Dec. 31, 1954			\$ 28,358.52		
Interest 1955			1,198.12		
Added in 1955 New Fund			500.00		
Withdrawals			\$ 30,056.64		
			684.22		
Balances Dec. 31, 1955			\$ 29,372.42		

KIMBALL PARK FUNDS

	Balance Dec. 31, 1954	Interest	With- drawals	Balance Dec. 31, 1955
Amos Weed	\$ 2,136.94	\$ 57.57	\$115.00	\$2,079.51
Judith Kimball	1,013.91	28.05		1,041.96
	<u>3,150.85</u>	<u>\$ 85.62</u>	<u>\$115.00</u>	<u>\$3,121.47</u>

POST WAR REHABILITATION FUND

Balance January 1, 1955	\$ 627.95
Interest 1955	17.37
	<u>\$ 645.32</u>

STABILIZATION FUND

Balance Dec. 31, 1954	\$5,057.29
Interest 1955	197.31
Added To Fund In 1955	5,000.00
	<u>\$10,254.60</u>

FINAL TRIAL BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1955

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Cash Balance	\$110,011.17	Withholding Tax	\$ 1,589.29
Cash Light Depreciation	17,095.31	Reserve for Petty Cash Advances	160.00
Petty Cash Advance, Town Office	10.00	Consumers Deposit	408.08
Petty Cash Advance, Light and Water	125.00	State Parks and Reservations	53.32
Petty Cash Advance, Tax Collector	25.00	County Taxes	514.65
Taxes 1940 - 1951	23.12	Road Machinery	1,037.23
Personal Property Taxes 1952	164.92	Overlay Surplus	833.09
Personal Property Taxes 1953	1,903.30	Overlay 1953	906.17
Real Estate Taxes 1953	452.16	Overlay 1955	716.36
Personal Property Taxes 1954	2,838.77	Excise Revenue	2,699.34
Real Estate Taxes 1954	7,114.19	Tax Title Revenue	8,609.46
Poll Taxes 1955	84.00	Departmental Revenue	1,299.53
Personal Property Taxes 1955	4,767.48	Light Revenue	3,700.27
Real Estate Taxes 1955	24,096.56	Water Revenue	2,755.35
Estates of Deceased Persons	218.00	Special Tax Revenue	218.00
Excise 1952	387.63	State & County Aid to Highways Revenue	12,843.33
Excise 1953	596.37	Purchase Regulators, Light Dept.	561.63
Excise 1954	1,320.10	Sale of Lots 1955	400.00
Excise 1955	310.84	Old Age Recovery Funds	2,546.17
Tax Titles	6,200.58	Surplus Revenue	110,816.71
Tax Possessions	2,409.18	Sale of Real Estate Fund	1,200.00
Welfare Accounts Receivable	63.43	School Athletics, Chapter 658	64.75

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THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF CORPORATIONS AND TAXATION
BUREAU OF ACCOUNTS
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON 33

April 27, 1955

To the Board of Selectmen

Mr. George E. Lay, Chairman

Merrimac, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Merrimac for the period from March 3, 1954 to January 31, 1955, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws. This is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. William Schwartz, Assistant Director of Accounts.

Very truly yours,

HERMAN B. DINE

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Director of Accounts

Mr. Herman B. Dine

Director of Accounts

Department of Corporations and Taxation

State House, Boston

Sir:

In accordance with your instructions, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Merrimac for the period from March 3, 1954 the date of the previous examination, to January 31, 1955, and submit the following report thereon:

The financial transactions, as recorded on the books of the several departments receiving or disbursing money for the town or committing bills for collection, were examined, checked, and verified by comparison with the records in the offices of the town accountant and the town treasurer.

The books and accounts of the town accountant were examined and checked. The cash receipts, as recorded, were checked with the departmental records and with the treasurer's books, while the payments were compared with the selectmen's warrants and the treasurer's records.

The ledgers were analyzed, and the recorded transfers from the reserve fund were compared with the amounts authorized by the finance committee, while other accounts were checked with the records of the various departments in which the transactions originated.

A trial balance was taken off, and a balance sheet showing the financial condition of the town on December 31, 1954 was prepared and is appended to this report.

The books and accounts of the town treasurer were examined and checked. The recorded receipts were analyzed and verified by comparison with the records in the several departments collecting money for the town, with other sources from which money was paid into the town treasury, and with the town accountant's books. The payments, as entered, were checked with the selectmen's warrants authorizing the disbursement of town funds and with the records of the town accountant.

The cash book was footed, and the cash balance on

January 31, 1955¹ was verified by reconciliation of the bank balances with statements furnished by the banks of deposit, by examination of the savings bank books, and by actual count of the cash in the office.

The reported payments on account of maturing debt and interest were compared with the amounts falling due and with the cancelled securities and coupons on file.

The transactions of the several trust and investment funds in the custody of the town treasurer were verified, and the savings bank books representing the investment of these funds were personally examined and listed.

The records of tax titles and tax possessions held by the town were examined and checked. The amounts added to the tax title account were compared with the treasurer's records. The reported redemptions were checked with the receipts as recorded on the treasurer's books, and the tax titles and tax possessions on hand were listed, proved, and checked with the records at the Registry of Deeds.

It is again recommended that prompt action be taken to foreclose the rights of redemption on tax titles held for over two years, as required by law.

The books and accounts of the tax collector were examined and checked. The poll, personal property, real estate, and motor vehicle and trailer excise accounts outstanding according to the previous examination, as well as all subsequent commitments, were audited and proved with the assessors' warrants issued for their collection. The payment to the treasurer was verified, the recorded abatements were compared with the assessors' records of abatements granted, and the outstanding accounts were listed and reconciled with the ledger controlling accounts.

The collector's cash books were footed, and the cash balance on January 31, 1955, including the petty cash advance, was verified by actual count of the cash in the office and by reconciliation of the bank balance with a statement furnished by the bank of deposit.

The books and accounts of the municipal light and water departments were examined and checked. The records of charges were analyzed, the recorded receipts were checked with the payments to the treasurer and with the accountant's books, the abatements and discounts were checked with the departmental records of abatements and discounts granted, and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved with the accountant's ledger.

It was necessary to check the detailed postings of these accounts, which added materially to the time consumed in the audit.

Further verification of the outstanding tax and departmental accounts was made by mailing notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town, the replies received thereto indicating that the accounts, as listed, are correct.

The records of departmental cash collections by the selectmen, the town clerk, and the sealer of weights and measures, as well as by the police, health, school, library, and cemetery departments, and by all other departments in which money was collected for the town, were examined and checked. The payments to the State and the town treasurer were verified, and the cash on hand in the several departments was proved by actual count.

The surety bonds on file for the several town Officials

for the faithful performance of their duties were examined and found to be in proper form.

Appended to this report, in addition to the balance sheet, are tables showing reconciliations of the treasurer's, tax collector's, and municipal light and water department collector's cash, summaries of the tax, tax title, and departmental accounts, together with schedules showing the condition and transactions of the trust and investment funds.

While engaged in making the audit cooperation was extended by all town officials, for which, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, I wish to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM SCHWARTZ

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Assistant Director of Accounts

TOWN OF MERRIMAC

Balance Sheet — December 31, 1954

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

ASSETS		LIABILITIES AND RESERVES	
Cash:		Employees' Payroll Deductions:	
General,	\$107,133.14	Federal Taxes,	\$ 1,754.93
Special:		Guarantee Deposits:	
Municipal Light Dep.	11,830.37	Municipal Light,	\$ 1,681.16
Advance for Petty:		Federal Grants:	
Town Office,\$	10.00	Disability Assistance:	
Tax Collector,	25.00	Administration,	\$ 248.52
Electric Light and Water		Assistance,	1,462.99
Department,	125.00	Aid to Dependent Children:	
	—————\$	Administration,	532.95
		Aid,	1,605.51
Accounts Receivable:		Old Age Assistance:	
Taxes:		Administration,	4,833.80
Levy of 1940:		Assistance,	6,493.58
Real Estate,\$	2.00		—————\$ 15,177.35
Levy of 1941:		Revolving Funds:	
Real Estate,	1.84	School Lunch,	\$ 3,564.69
Levy of 1943:		School Athletics,	14.97
Real Estate,	1.80		—————\$ 3,579.66
Levy of 1944:			
Real Estate,	1.72		

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Levy of 1945:				
Real Estate,	1.68		
Levy of 1946:				
Real Estate,	1.88		
Levy of 1947:				
Real Estate,	2.40		
Levy of 1948:				
Real Estate,	.....	2.40		
Levy of 1949:				
Real Estate,	.....	2.36		
Levy of 1950:				
Real Estate,	.....	2.48		
Levy of 1951:				
Real Estate,	.....	2.56		
Levy of 1952:				
Personal,	.....	1,236.40		
Levy of 1953:				
Poll,	.....	10.00		
Personal Property,	.....	3,417.22		
Real Estate,	.....	7,269.82		
Levy of 1954:				
Poll,	.....	536.00		
Appropriation Balances:				
Revenue:				
General,	.....		\$	519.76
Municipal Light:				
Maintenance & Operations,				17,134.32
Depreciation,	.....			11,830.37
Water:				
Construction & Extension,				5,839.36
Non-Revenue:				
Municipal Light Equip.,	..			2,718.40
Water Extension,	.....			10,069.01
			\$	48,111.22
Overestimates - 1954:				
State:				
Parks and Reservations				
Assessment,	.....		\$	1.97
County Tax,	.....			49.93
			\$	51.90
Sale of Real Estate Fund,			\$	1,200.00
Sale of Cemetery Lots Fund,			\$	975.00

Receipts Reserved for Appropriations:		
Personal Property,	\$ 5,398.69	
Real Estate,	29,323.53	
	<u>\$ 47,214.78</u>	Road Machinery, \$ 1,619.95
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise:		
Levy of 1952,	484.53	Reserve Fund - Overlay Surplus, \$ 833.09
Levy of 1953,	859.72	
Levy of 1954,	2,457.26	Overlays Reserved for Abatements:
	<u>\$ 3,801.51</u>	Levy of 1953, \$ 1,076.27
Special Taxes:		
Estates of Deceased Persons,	\$ 407.28	Revenue Reserved Until Collected:
Tax Titles and Possessions:		
Tax Titles,	\$ 5,965.02	Motor Vehicle and Trailer
Tax Possessions,	2,409.18	Excise, \$ 3,801.51
	<u>\$ 8,374.20</u>	Special Tax, 407.28
Departmental:		Tax Title and Possession, 8,374.20
General Relief,	\$ 1,176.49	Departmental, 2,532.63
Aid to Dependent Children, ..	1,332.14	Municipal Light, 3,490.10
Veterans' Services,	24.00	Water, 4,834.27
	<u>\$ 2,532.63</u>	Aid to Highway, 16,300.00
Municipal Light:		
Rates,	\$ 3,002.08	<u>\$ 39,739.99</u>
Miscellaneous,	488.02	Reserve for Petty Cash Advances, \$ 160.00
	<u>\$ 3,490.10</u>	Surplus Revenue:
Water:		General, \$102,861.61
Rates,	\$ 3,704.32	

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Miscellaneous,\$ 1,129.95	-----\$ 4,834.27
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Aid to Highway:

Chapter 81,\$ 8,800.00	
Chapter 90,7,500.00	
	-----\$ 16,300.00	

Unprovided for or Overdrawn Accounts:

Underestimates 1954:

County:

Tuberculosis Hospital,	\$ 30.27
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Overlay Deficits:

Levy of 1951,\$ 99.20	
Levy of 1952,760.74	
Levy of 1954,1,355.33	
	-----\$ 2,215.27	

Emergency Overdraft Section 31, Chapter 44,

General Laws:

Hurricane Emergency:

Carol,\$ 5,518.31	
Edna,4,980.00	
	-----\$ 10,498.31	

\$218,822.13

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DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt:		Serial Loans:	
Inside Debt Limit:		Inside Debt Limit:	
General,	.....	General:	
	\$ 33,000.00	School,	\$ 33,000.00
Outside Debt Limit:		Outside Debt Limit:	
General,	.....\$255,000.00	General:	
Public Service Enterprise,	41,000.00	School,	\$255,000.00
	—————\$296,000.00	Public Service Enterprise:	
		Municipal, Light,	14,000.00
		Water,	27,000.00
			—————\$296,000.00
			\$329,000.00

TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Trust and Investment Funds:

Cash and Securities:

In Custody of Treasurer,\$ 88,740.20

In Custody of Treasurer:

Library Funds:

Willie Colby,	\$ 200.00
A. E. Goodwin,	200.00
Thomas H. Hoyt,	\$ 25,958.52
Nichols Memorial,	500.00
Laura Patten,	500.00
D. J. Poore,	500.00
James D. Whittier,	500.00
	\$ 28,358.52

Park Funds:

Judith Kimball,	\$ 1,013.91
Amos Weed,	2,136.94
	\$ 3,150.85
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund,	51,545.59
Post-War Rehabilitation Fund,	627.95
Stabilization Fund,	5,057.29
	\$ 88,740.20

VOTE FOR OFFICERS, ANNUAL ELECTION**March 7, 1955**

Votes Cast (Men 516, Women 497), Total 1,013

Moderator, for one year:

Robert L. Eckert, 23 Main Street	869
Blanks	144

Town Clerk, for one year:

C. Howard Phillips, 48 Church Street	848
Blanks	165

Selectmen, for one year:

Ralph L. Buzzell, 63 School Street	546
Frank M. Hargraves, 25 Church Street	418
George E. Lay, 13 Winter Street	727
Francis J. Mathews, Emery Street	59
George J. P. Stevens, 65 Church Street	440
Robert C. Young, Birch Meadow Road	367
Blanks	482

Board of Public Welfare, for one year:

Hazen M. Emery, 15 Judkins Court	808
J. Arthur Ollis, 37 East Main Street	788
Ellen M. Wallace, 9 Central Street	756
Blanks	687

Assessor, for three years:

Alvin F. Heath, 33 Grove Street	827
Blanks	186

Treasurer, for one year:

Roy C. Journey, 10 Prospect Street	833
Blanks	180

Tax Collector, for three years:

Wilfred G. Journey, 28 Grove Street	837
Blanks	176

School Committee, for three years:

Irving A. Blake, Judkins Court	836
Blanks	177

School Committee, for two years:

Kenneth G. Fowle, 115 Church Street	800
Blanks	213

School Committee, for one year:

Carl G. Olson, 57 Main Street	778
Blanks	235

Trustee of Cemeteries, for three years:

Henry D. Lay, 59 West Main Street	598
Arthur D. Lockwood, 39 Main Street	326
Blanks	89

Trustee of Cemeteries, for one year

Everett A. Haight, Lake Attitash	776
Blanks	237

Library Trustees, for three years:

Robert L. Eckert, 23 Main Street	796
Alvin F. Heath, 33 Grove Street	767
Blanks	463

Trustee of Kimball Park, for three years:

Henry D. Lay, 59 West Main Street	6
Arthur D. Lockwood, 39 Main Street	2
Richard A. McCarron, 41 Grove Street	1
Chester E. Whiting, 39 Main Street	1
Blanks	1,003

Light Commissioner, for three years:

Arthur D. Lockwood, 39 Main Street	201
Harry N. Pendleton, River Road	149
J. Arthur Ollis, 37 East Main Street	351
Gordon J. Roberts, 46 Church Street	234
Blanks	78

Water Commissioner, for three years:

Arthur D. Lockwood, 39 Main Street	180
Harry N. Pendleton, River Road	149
J. Arthur Ollis, 37 East Main Street	379
Gordon J. Roberts, 46 Church Street	240
Blanks	65

Constables, for one year:

George R. Buzzell, Sr., 33 School Street	786
Ronald C. Sarasin, 65 Church Street	729
Alexander M. Sullivan, 20 Locust Street	848
Blanks	676

Surveyors of Lumber and Measurers of Wood and
Bark for one year:

George R. Buzzell, Sr., 33 School Street	1
Ralph L. Buzzell, 63 School Street	1
Robert L. Eckert, 23 Main Street	2
Kenneth G. Fowle, 115 Church Street	1

Harold C. Lamb, 3 Abbott Street	2
Richard E. Sargent, Bear Hill Road	2
Edson C. Walker Birch Meadow Road,	1
Blanks	3,029

Tree Warden, for one year:

Harold C. Lamb, 3 Abbott Street	457
Harold K. Joralmon, 110 East Main Street	477
Blanks	79

Playground Commission, for five years

Henry D. Lay, 59 West Main Street	804
Blanks	209

Planning Board, for five years:

Henry D. Lay, 59 West Main Street	790
Carl G. Olson, 57 Main Street	1
Blanks	222

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Essex, ss.

To Alexander M. Sullivan, one of the Constables of the Town of Merrimac:

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the legal voters of the Town of Merrimac to meet in Sargent Hall on

MONDAY, MARCH 5, 1956

at Five Forty-Five o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles, namely:

Article 1. To elect a Moderator for one year, Town Clerk for one year, three Selectmen for one year, three Members of the Department of Public Welfare for one year, one Assessor for three years, one Assessor for one year, Treasurer for one year, two Members of the School Committee for three years, Trustee of Cemetery for three years, two Trustees of Public Library for three years, Trustee of Kimball Park for three years, one Commissioner of Playground for five years, one Commissioner of Municipal Light for three years, one Water Commissioner for three years, three Constables for one year, three Surveyors of Lumber and Measurers of Wood and Bark for one year, Tree Warden for one year, and one Member of the Planning Board for five years.

“Shall an act passed by the General Court in the year nineteen hundred and fifty-six, entitled ‘An act providing for tenure of office for the incum-

bent of the office of chief of police of the town of Merrimac', be accepted?"

YES	
NO	

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Article 2. To fix the compensation of the Collector of Taxes.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of all elective officers of the Town as provided by Section 108 of Chapter 41, General Laws as amended; Moderator, Town Clerk, three Selectmen, three Members of the Board of Public Welfare, three Assessors, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Tree Warden, three Commissioners of Municipal Light, three Water Commissioners and raise and appropriate sums of money, therefore.

Passed
Article 4 To determine what sums of money shall be raised to defray the necessary and usual charges and expenses of the Town for the year 1956 and make appropriations for same.

Passed
Transferred
1957-23
Article 5 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of One Thousand Thirty Seven Dollars and Twenty Three Cents (\$1,037.23) for the maintenance of Road Machinery to keep Road Machinery in operation, said amount to be transferred from the Road Machinery fund.

Passed
Article 6 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the Revenue of the Financial year beginning January 1, 1957

and to issue a note or notes therefore, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be placed at the disposal of the Playground Commission to be used at their discretion on the playground during the current year.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to sell at public auction, after first giving notice of the time and place of sale by posting such notice of sale in some convenient and public place in the Town fourteen days at least before the sale, property heretofore taken or which may be taken by the Town under Tax Title procedure, provided that the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen or their authorized agent may at the time of such public auction reject any bid which they may deem inadequate, or may after such auction has been held sell such property provided that in their estimation an adequate offer may be made.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used under the supervision of the Selectmen for any necessary repairs or other expense to Tax Possessions.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be expended on highway work on thickly settled streets or take action relative thereto.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$650.00) for the Board of Registrars Expense under Chapter 427 and Chapter 440 of Acts and Resolves of the

General Court for the year 1938, said appropriation being made for the year 1956.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Dollars (\$400.00) from the sale of Cemetery lots such sum or part thereof to be expended under the direction of the Cemetery Trustees for "care, improvement and embellishment" of said Cemetery, according to Section 15 and Section 25 of Chapter 114 of the General Laws.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money sufficient to meet such legal expenses as may occur due to suits or other action against the Town or take any action relative thereto.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury a sum of money for Chapter 90 Highway construction or maintenance or take any action relative thereto.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money sufficient to make necessary repairs in or on or around the Town Hall or take any action relative thereto.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Assessors to use a sum of money from free cash in the Treasury toward the reduction of the 1956 Tax Rate.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 81 and Highway Construction or Maintenance or take any action relative thereto.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and

appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) to pay the salary of the Veterans Service Officer.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) for expenses of the Veterans Service Officer.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Fifteen Dollars and Forty Four Cents (\$5,015.44) said sum to be paid the Essex County Retirement Board for various funds of the Essex County Retirement System.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the maintenance and operation of the Water Department, and to pay any water loans that may be due in the year 1956, and to determine whether the money shall be provided for by appropriation, water surplus or water revenue; or take any action relative thereto.

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Nineteen Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$1,920.00), and pay the balance of Twelve Hundred Dollars (\$1,200.00) from Old Age Assistance U. S. Grant to the Welfare Agent as Salary for the year 1956, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) for the rental of quarters for the use of the American Legion Post.

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fourteen Hundred Dollars (\$1,400.00) said amount to be spent for control of Dutch Elm Disease.

17,000.00
Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventeen Thousand Dollars (\$17,000.00) to pay notes due for School Construction in the year 1956.

100.00
Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) for salary of Dog Officer.

1,800.00
Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eighteen Hundred Dollars (\$1,800.00) to be spent under the direction of Civil Defense Director and supervision of the Selectmen for Civil Defence or take any action relative thereto.

675.00
Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Hundred Seventy Five Dollars (\$675.00) said amount to be spent for salaries to Instructors for Supervised play at the Merrimac Playground, under the jurisdiction of the Merrimac Playground Commission.

4,742.00
Article 29. On petition of Richard F. Amazeen and others to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Seven Hundred Forty Two Dollars (\$4,742.00) to install a water main on Abbott Street said main to go from the present system on Church Street along Abbott Street and thence along Sawyer Street to join the present system on Nichols Street, with two (2) hydrants to be installed, a distance of approximately 1400 feet, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to accept Sections 1-3 of Chapter 139 of the General Laws.

Article 31. On petition of Henry D. Lay and others to see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Section 4B of Chapter 136 of the General Laws.

Article 32. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) said amount to be spent for Christmas lighting, parade or other expense and to be expended under the direction of the Selectmen.

Article 33. On petition of Mildred Wheeler and others to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Five Hundred and Forty Three Dollars (\$3,543.00) to install a six inch pipe from High Street along South Pleasant Street to a point beyond the Wheeler's residence and as far as the Murphy's line, a distance of approximately 995 feet, with one hydrant to be placed at the end of the line. Or to take any action relative thereto.

Article 34. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Nine Hundred and Ninety Three Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$3,993.50) said amount to be paid as Merrimac's portion of the Pentucket Regional School District budget for 1956.

Article 35. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Sixty-Five Dollars (\$265.00) said amount to be used to purchase an Alpha Beta Geiger Meter.

Article 36. On petition of Kathleen L. Smith and others to see if the Town will vote to accept Hillside Avenue from a point on Attitash Avenue, easterly approximately a distance of 750 feet and to raise and appropriate a sum of money sufficient to pay the cost of installing 4 catch basins on same or take action relative thereto.

Article 37. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used to purchase a new truck, to be used on highway work.

Article 38. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury a sum of money for Chapter 90 Maintenance or take any action relative thereto.

Article 39. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a certain sum of money of the excess and deficiency fund for the purchase of bonds. The proceeds of the sale of bonds to be appropriated for a new regional school building.

Article 40. On petition of Alexander M. Sullivan and others to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be placed under the jurisdiction of the Playground Commission for the installation of Tennis Courts on the playground.

Article 41. On petition of Edward H. Worcester and others to see if the Town will vote to accept a piece of land in said Merrimac, Mass., from Mr. and Mrs. Edward H. Worcester 20 feet wide and 200 feet long running westerly from Winter Street which passes property of Miss Jane Peterson and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Castine to be known as Town Forrest Road and to maintain as a street.

Article 42. On petition of Cecil L. Dressler and others to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty One Hundred Fifty Nine Dollars and Ninety Five Cents (\$3,159.95) to extend the water main from a point in front of the residence of Edward Bridges along Woodland Street to Lincoln Street, thence to Winter Street a distance of approximately 670 feet with one hydrant to be installed.

Article 43. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to purchase a new Compressor and Motor for the Fire Alarm system, and make necessary repairs to the present system.

Article 44. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) said amount to be used by the Fire Department to purchase and install two Fire Alarm Boxes.

Article 45. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) said amount to be used by the Fire Department for the purchase of new Fire Hose.

Article 46. On petition of Margaret R. Weigel and others to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Three Hundred Seventy Two Dollars (\$5,372.00) to continue the water main along Highland Road from the present end of the line northerly a distance of approximately 470 feet.

Article 47. On petition of John K. Sargent and others to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eleven Thousand Dollars (\$11,000.00) to continue the present water system from the foot of Locust Street along River Road and thence along Merrimac Street to the residence of John Q. Batchelder, a distance of approximately three thousand feet.

Article 48. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eleven Hundred Eighty Five Dollars (\$1,185.00) said amount to be spent for Four (4) new Hydrants.

Article 49. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money sufficient to defray the expense of adding Ten new wells to the water system's present water supply.

Article 50. To see if a sum of money shall be raised to defray the cost of the purchase of water meters for the water department, and determine whether the money shall

be raised by borrowing or taxation or take any action relative thereto.

Article 51. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be placed at the disposal of the Planning Board for any expenses that they may have.

Article 52. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to purchase an Air Compressor complete with Jack Hammer and other necessary attachments.

And you are hereby required to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof in seven public places in said Town of Merrimac, at least seven days before said time of meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Merrimac this 25th day of January 1956.

GEORGE E. LAY

RALPH L. BUZZELL

GEORGE P. STEVENS

Selectmen of Merrimac

A true Copy: Attest:

ALEXANDER M. SULLIVAN

Constable

By virtue of the above warrant to me directed I hereby notify and warn the legal voters of the Town of Merrimac to meet at the time and place and for the purpose therein expressed.

ALEXANDER M. SULLIVAN,

Constable

Merrimac, Mass., January 25, 1956

In Memoriam

WARREN A. BAILEY

1872 - 1955

Born, West Amesbury, now Merrimac, Mass., life resident. Spanish-American War Veteran, Co. B.-8th Reg't. Massachusetts Infantry, U. S. Volunteers. Last survivor of the three Merrimac veterans who served in this war (Walter H. England, Harry Blaisdell and Warren A. Bailey). Merrimac Water & Light Commissioner 1907-1926 and Manager of the Water & Light Dept. several years until his retirement.

ROSCOE CHILD

1894 - 1955

Resident of Merrimac 35 years (born Haverhill, Mass). On Merrimac Board of Assessors 1936-1948. Bookkeeper, Merrimac Water & Light Dept., 4 years. Special Police Officer several years. World War 1 Veteran. Past Commander, Stanley F. Wood, Post American Legion Merrimac, Mass.

In Memoriam

FRED W. GEORGE

1869-1955

Resident of Merrimac 60 years (born Newton, N. H.).

Boston & Maine R. R. Brakeman 30 years.

Merrimac Tax Collector 1910-1922.

Associated in business in Merrimac and Haverhill, Mass.
several years.

Retired since 1931.

HARRY E. RYERSON

1894 - 1955

Resident of Merrimac 31 years (born Haverhill, Mass).

Member of Merrimac Fire Dept. several years and Chief
a few years.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE
TOWN OF MERRIMAC

For The Year Ending December 31,

1955



SCHOOL REPORT

In accordance with custom and with the Acts of the General Court, 1859, Chapter 57, we herewith submit to you the 85th annual printed school report.

VIRGINIA H. WEBSTER, Chairman

F. N. SWEETSIR, M. D., Secretary

IRVING A. BLAKE

KENNETH FOWLE

CARL G. OLSON

School Committee

SCHOOL OFFICERS

John C. Jakobek, Superintendent of Schools

Address: Union Street, Merrimac Tel. FI 6-9721

Dorothy M. Peirce, Secretary

Address: 52 West Main Street

Kenneth E. Haskell, Supervisor of Attendance

Address: Bear Hill Road

A. Frances Davis, M. D., School Physician

Address: 16 Main Street

Annie L. Gleed, R. N., School Nurse

Address: West Main Street

Working Certificates: Howard DeLong - 1955

Beginning January 1, 1956:

Office of Superintendent of Schools
Merrimac Elementary School

DIRECTORY OF SCHOOL STAFF OCTOBER, 1955

HIGH SCHOOL & GRADES 7 and 8

Position	Training	Total Yrs. Experience	Yrs. in Merrimac
Prin., Soc. Studies	Edward S. Morrow	8	8
English	Margaret E. Brown	15	0
French, Latin	Mary E. Doherty	1	1
Mathematics	Joseph F. Sheehan	0	0
Science	Joseph G. Medolo	0	0
Commercial	Margaret M. O'Riordan	2	2
Principal	Cornelia E. Wolfe	15	10
Grade 7 & 8	Regina G. McIntyre	1	1
Grade 7 & 8	Frederick J. Noone	4	3
Grade 7 & 8	Annette C. Palmer	4	0
Grade 7 & 8	Harry E. Ryerson Jr.	3	0

MERRIMAC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Principal	Helen R. Donaghue	Bridgewater Normal 1929	17.5	10.8
V. Prin., Remedial Reading	Miriam M. Felch	B. S. Kutztown, Pa., State Teachers College 1936	9	9
Grade 6	Margaret W. Hume	Newburyport Training, 1909	17	7
Grade 6	Edward C. Duhamel	B. A. Merrimack College 1955	0	0
Grade 5	Helen A. Boyd	Bank Street School of Education, New York City	35	0
Grade 5	Elisabeth L. Allen	North Adams State Teachers College 1940	3	0
Helping teacher	Nancy W. Ayers	B. A. Univ. of N. H. 1953	0	0
Grade 4	Mae Ethel Davis	Salem Normal	27.5	22.5
Grade 4	Dorothy K. Edgerly	Salem Normal 1926	9.5	2
Mixed Level Group	Joan Thompson	A. B. Merrimack College 1955	0	0
Mixed Level Group	Florence L. Coe	Salem Teachers College 1933	7.4	1
Adjustment Group	Caroline M. Verrette	Salem Normal 1917	15	7
Adjustment Group	Ethel B. Whiting	A. B. Bates College 1913	10	10
Readiness Group	Rosalie G. Carter	Perry Kindergarten Normal B. S. E. Tufts College 1955	0	0
Readiness Group	Efstathia Bliziotis	Perry Kindergarten Normal B. S. E. Tufts College 1955	0	0
Readiness Group	Doris M. Currier	Institute of Music Pedagogy	33.5	24
Music Teacher	Joseph F. Aliquo Jr.	B. S. E. Tufts College 1955	0	0
Art Teacher				

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

To the Citizens of Merrimac:

STATEMENT

The School Committee of Merrimac considers that its function is to provide the community the best possible educational program consistent with the facilities and finances available to it. The Committee serves the community by providing the link between the people of the community and its teachers. In the long run, the type of education this community, or any community, maintains depends upon the understanding and the will of the people. As representatives of the people, the school board serves to implement the wishes of all the people.

The School Committee provides policies for the schools. Through its administrators and teachers, it carries the will of the people to the children of this town. The day-to-day job of educating your children is left to technically trained personnel, teachers, principals and others. Because this is so, the Committee seeks to provide professionally prepared individuals to educate your children.

We believe that good schools are "investments in human beings". A sound educational system tends to eliminate the waste of human beings. We cannot predict exactly the needs of all individuals, but we can provide a sound bedrock of experience and knowledge. And, although there are conflicting voices pressing for one kind of educational development or another, we aim to provide an educational concept that will serve our children to the best advantage throughout their lives.

SUPERINTENDENCY UNION

On September 1, 1955 the new school union of Merrimac, Groveland and West Newbury was formed. This new union ended the union established in 1912 which encompassed Merrimac, Newbury, Salisbury and West Newbury. The new union provides for a single administrator to conduct the schools of the three-town union and the regional school district which is planning the erection of a six-year regional junior-senior high school.

After twenty-seven years of service to the superintendency union, Dr. John C. Page retired from his position as union superintendent on August 31st. The long and faithful service of Dr. Page to the schools of Merrimac will be long remembered. His tireless efforts to bring better schools and instructional techniques have served the town well.

With the opening of the new school union on September 1, Mr. John C. Jakobek, formerly superintendent of schools in Hatfield, Massachusetts, began his duties as the superintendent of schools for the union. His duties will include those of operating the regional school district in order that the operation of the schools might be consolidated under the jurisdiction of a single administrator.

TEACHERS SALARIES

Although the financial plight of our teachers has been recognized by previous School Committees who have tried to make the necessary adjustments in salaries, it has again become necessary to reconsider the inadequacies of

present salaries. The School Committee is keenly aware of the educational problems created by the rapid turnover of teachers, the lack of stability in the conduct of the educational program within the community, the necessity of training new teachers and the hiring of inadequately trained personnel. The growing shortage of trained teachers in this country and the rapid increase in the number of pupils has caused the demand for teachers to outstrip the supply. This has created a situation in which teachers are transferring to neighboring communities with better salaries.

To improve the situation in this community, the School Committee has developed the following salary schedule to become operative in September, 1956.

Step	Non-degree	Bachelor's Degree	Master's Degree
1	\$2,700	\$2,800	\$2,900
2	2,800	2,900	3,000
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3	2,900	3,000	3,100
4	3,000	3,100	3,200
5	3,100	3,200	3,300
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6	3,200	3,300	3,400
7	3,300	3,400	3,500
8	3,400	3,500	3,600
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9	3,500	3,600	3,700
10	3,600	3,700	3,800
11	3,700	3,800	3,900
12			4,000

The annual step-rate increases of each teacher are dependent upon continued satisfactory service and the earning of at least four professional credits of approved study every three years. The double bars between steps eight and nine indicate the beginning of the period of recurrent study in order to maintain maximum salaries.

With the above adjustments in teacher salaries, it is hoped that this community may be in a stronger position to compete for the services of better trained teachers within the system as well as to attract new candidates with strong potentialities for teaching. Teachers, more than any other single factor, determine the educational well-being of your schools, and therefore, every effort must be made to provide your schools with adequately trained teachers.

MAINTENANCE

From time to time during the school year, expenditures were made to maintain the proper operation of the school plant. Plumbing, heating, ventilating and lighting repairs were made as needed. The high school building again experienced a few cold days even though the heating units were working at maximum capacity. This situation can not be remedied without the expenditure of thousands of dollars, because any attempt to basically alter the present system would require the approval of the Department of Public Safety, which would force the replacement of the present units. In view of the pending regional school, such expenditures would not be justified at this time.

Acoustical tiles have been placed in the coffer of the elementary school gymnasium ceiling to improve the sound qualities of this area. This treatment of the ceiling was originally included in the building specifications, but was eliminated to reduce costs. This application of tiles does not completely solve the acoustical problem, but it has improved it.

TRANSPORTATION

The transportation of school children to and from the public schools has become a major item in the annual school budget. This increase has been caused by the increase in the costs of transportation and the increase in the number of pupils transported.

Although there has been an increase in the transportation item of the budget, the actual cost to the town has not significantly changed, inasmuch as the town is reimbursed for all transportation costs over five dollars per net average membership. The following summary illustrates the cost to the town in 1955:

Expended in 1955	\$ 9,305.84
Reimbursed in 1955	6,345.05
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Difference	\$ 2,960.79

Your School Committee acknowledges the growing interest in this community for the education of its children. The educational opportunities available to your children should provide for development of each child in accordance with his needs. Within the limits of the resources available to the schools, your schools are accomplishing this aim.

The School Committee approves and hereby incorporates the report of the Superintendent of Schools as part of its report.

VIRGINIA H. WEBSTER, Chairman
F. N. SWEETSIR, M. D., Secretary
IRVING A. BLAKE
KENNETH G. FOWLE
CARL G. OLSON

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

The report of the Superintendent of Schools for the year 1955 is presented to you for your careful consideration and evaluation. This report presents a financial accounting of your school, statistics regarding the school and the forces contributing to the understanding of the decisions made therein.

INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM

The education of your children begins in an ungraded primary unit, which is regarded as the best way to help pupils to learn properly and become good citizens. The ungraded unit provides for elasticity in instruction corresponding to the growth differences in each child. It recognizes that some children are ready for some activities, such as reading and arithmetic, while others are not. These differences are recognized and respected. Your children are not forced to move in lock-step fashion from grade to grade.

This method of instruction is helpful to all children, and not simply to the regular group. A child that gets a slow start has the advantage of additional time and materials at his or her level. Children with unusually good starts are permitted to progress developmentally without gaps in their instructional program. For the term of their education in the primary unit, usually about three years, the child lives and works in a classroom without crises usually reached annually regarding failures.

In the intermediate grades - four, five and six - the

instructional program returns to the grade level approach to learning. During these grades the teaching is carried on in small groups within the grades to accommodate the different levels of achievement and speed of learning. In these grades the reading program is continued but more variety is added to the curriculum in terms of skills and knowledge.

A brief review of some general principles of learning and child development are included here because they illustrate the basis upon which the educational program is patterned.

1. Growth is continuous.
2. Learnings occur in orderly sequence.
3. Patterns of growth vary from child to child.
4. Growth patterns within a child may be uneven.
5. Rate and pattern of growth may be modified by conditions inside and outside the body.
6. A child's growth is a complex of interrelated phases.
7. Each child develops in a unique way.

Grades seven and eight are patterned upon the junior high school plan of rotating classes and specialization of instruction. The junior high school movement in the United States has become a force for adjustment in the curriculum for these grades. The functions of this level of education are constantly being adapted to the needs of this age group. Further adjustment in curriculum can be expected to more satisfactorily bridge the gap between elementary and high school instruction. Several factors inherent in the present limited facilities of the building militate against a more functional curriculum. However, a study group within the school system now has this matter under consideration and further adjustments can be expected in 1956.

With the increasing enrollment of the high school, plans are in operation to provide a more varied type of instructional program with emphasis on providing more adequately for individual pupil needs. This curriculum adjustment will serve to ameliorate somewhat the limited offerings of the present program. The final solution to the needs of the adolescent population in Merrimac will have to await the opening of the Pentucket Regional High School, which is presently in the advanced planning stage.

With the firm conviction that it does make a difference what kind of schools you provide, not only for your child but also to the welfare of the community, I would implore each resident of this community to study and support the plan to provide a regional school for the education of your children. The report of the Pentucket Regional School Committee will be found in another section of the town report and can be considered recommended reading.

Respectfully yours,

John C. Jakobek

Superintendent of Schools

SCHOOL CALENDAR 1955-1956

1955

September 7 Wednesday Schools open

October 7 Friday Schools closed-Teacher's Convention

October 12 Wednesday School closed-Columbus Day

November 11 Friday Schools closed - Veterans' Day

November 23 Wednesday Schools close for

Thanksgiving Holidays

November 28 Monday Schools open

December 21 Wednesday Elementary schools close
for Christmas Holidays

December 23 Friday High school closes for
Christmas Holidays

1956

January 3 Tuesday Schools open

February 17 Friday Schools close for winter vacation

February 27 Monday Schools open

March 30 Friday Schools closed - Good Friday

April 19 Thursday Schools closed - Patriots' Day

April 23 Monday Schools closed - beginning of
Spring Vacation

April 30 Monday Schools open

May 30 Wednesday Schools closed - Memorial Day

June 14 Thursday High School Graduation

June 20 Wednesday All schools close

Elementary School Days — 180

High Schools Days — 182

NO SCHOOL SIGNAL

NO SCHOOL announcements will be made over
Stations WBZ and WHAV after 7 o'clock in the morning.

6:30 A. M. 11—11—11— No school all day.

11:30 A. M. 11—11—11 No school in grades
seven and eight.

1956 SCHOOL BUDGET MERRIMAC SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

1955 Appro.	1955 Expended		1956
GENERAL CONTROL			
\$ 25.00	\$ 44.25	School Committee Expenses	\$ 50.00
2,043.00	2,100.00	Supt. Schools' Salary	2,555.55
761.00	716.64	Secretary's Salary	733.32
200.00	176.00	Extra Help	none
350.00	411.65	Travel & Office Costs	400.00
350.00	208.75	Law enforcement	350.00
COST OF INSTRUCTION			
\$ 79,866.00	\$ 78,286.06	Full-time teachers & subs	\$ 81,197.32
1,660.00	1,746.25	Part-time teachers	3,414.33
2,500.00	1,237.68	Text books	2,500.00
2,500.00	3,332.50	School supplies	3,000.00
3,673.00	2,730.00	School Lunch Salaries	none
COST OF OPERATION			
\$ 5,550.00	\$ 5,274.96	Janitors' Salaries	\$ 5,500.00
2,600.00	2,999.01	Fuel	2,600.00
700.00	691.38	Janitors' Supplies	700.00
1,000.00	1,507.73	Maintenance	1,000.00
500.00	478.40	Athletics	500.00
400.00	55.50	Libraries	400.00
1,400.00	1,367.83	Health	1,400.00
9,100.00	9,305.84	Transportation	9,500.00
500.00	140.70	New equipment	500.00
300.00	567.54	Telephone & all other	400.00
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\$115,987.00	\$113,378.67		\$116,700.52
\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,123.66	Vocational trans. & tuition	\$ 3,000.00

1955 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Regular school appropriation	\$115,978.00
Refunded dog tax	7.56
Total available for schools	\$115,985.56
Total expenditures	113,378.67
Balance	\$ 2,606.89
Total expenditures	\$113,378.67
Total reimbursements	40,583.75
Net cost to town	\$ 72,794.92

Reimbursements:

	1955	1956 Estimates
Supt. Schools	\$ 933.33	\$ 1,000.00
Chapter 643	29,935.29	31,000.00
Tuition local schools	712.00	500.00
All school transportation	6,345.05	6,500.00
Tuition, trans. state wards	2,658.08	2,500.00
	<u>\$ 40,583.75</u>	<u>\$ 41,500.00</u>

Other reimbursements:

Construction	\$ 10,992.71
Sale of Center School	2,000.00
All other (sale of books, vending machine, etc.)	42.13
	<u>\$ 13,034.84</u>

SCHOOL FUND STATEMENT (Athletics)

Balance, January 1, 1954	\$ 14.97
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Total receipts	314.20
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	\$ 329.17
Expenditures	264.42
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Balance, December 31, 1955	\$ 64.75

SCHOOL LUNCH STATEMENT

Balance, January 1, 1955	\$ 3,579.06
Receipts U. S. D. A. claim	4,580.19
Lunch sales	9,963.25
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	\$ 18,122.50

Expenditures:

Wages	\$ 2,769.50
Food	9,951.74
Fuel	120.00
Equipment	437.05
Other	512.22

\$ 13,790.51

Balance, December 31, 1955	\$ 4,331.99
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VOCATIONAL EDUCATION STATEMENT

Vocational Education appropriation	\$ 2,000.00
Vocational Education expenditures	2,123.66
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Deficit	\$ 123.66
Transferred in	123.66
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Balance	0
Vocational Education expenditures	\$ 2,123.66
Vocational Education reimbursements	1,306.19
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Net Cost to Town	\$ 817.47

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT BY GRADES October 1, 1955

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

	Readiness	Group	Adjustment	Group	Mixed Level	Group	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6	Total
1954		69		67		54	39	51	47	327
1955		75		56		64	50	40	48	333

JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

	Grade 7	Grade 8	Total
1954	54	44	98
1955	49	58	107

HIGH SCHOOL

	Freshman	Sophomore	Junior	Senior	Total
1954	42	28	22	23	115
1955	36	27	21	18	102

OTHER SCHOOLS

	Freshman	Sophomore	Junior	Senior	Total
Haverhill High School			1		1
Amesbury High School	1	1		1	3
Essex Country Agricultural					4

VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS

	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12	Total
Haverhill Trade School	3	2	2		7
Haverhill Trade Extension					4
Haverhill Evening Apprenticeship					1
Haverhill Practical Arts					1
Haverhill Evening					4
Boston Part-Time Apprenticeship					1

SCHOOL CENSUS As Of October 1, 1955

	Boys	Girls	Total
From 5 to 7	53	63	116
From 7 to 16	271	233	504
	<u>324</u>	<u>296</u>	<u>620</u>

Comparative Totals for 6 Year Period

	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955
From 5 to 7	49	102	73	141	120	116
From 7 to 16	399	403	415	419	447	504
	<u>448</u>	<u>505</u>	<u>488</u>	<u>560</u>	<u>567</u>	<u>620</u>

REPORT OF THE PENTUCKET SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Boards of Selectmen:

Towns of Groveland, Merrimac and West Newbury

The second annual report of the Pentucket Regional School District Committee is submitted to you for your consideration. This district became effective on May 25, 1954, when the towns of Groveland, Merrimac and West Newbury voted to accept an agreement whereby such a district could be formed.

Your district committee has proceeded meticulously in laying plans for the proposed junior-senior high school which will resolve the school housing problems of the three towns and supply the type of education that your children need. Your Committee held twelve regular and seventeen special meetings during the year. In addition, there were numerous meetings of subcommittees as well as participation in discussions with other committees co-operating in the planning of this school.

The Regional District is indebted to the many (over one hundred) individuals that participated in the cooperative planning of the educational specifications for this new building. Hours and hours were spent by these committees in reviewing the needs of the new school, in studying the success of these specifications in similar situations, and in consultation and organization of these needs.

These committees, organized for cooperative planning, met for specific phases of the total educational plant. Committees were formed to report on the following aspects of the new school program of studies, safety, site, community use of plant, interior treatment of building, special purpose units, service facilities, administrative units and

school plant. We are grateful for the work that was contributed by these groups in the development of our plans.

With the acceptance of the completed plans of these committees, it became the duty of the superintendent of schools elect, who served as consultant for the Regional District from April until August 31, 1955 when his official duties began, to draw up the educational specifications for the new regional school with the approval of this committee and the School Building Assistance Commission.

During the early months of the year, there were many hurdles to be crossed. Work began immediately on the various aspects of the planned district and school. The committee worked on many phases of the problems often at the same time. It was necessary to prepare and accept by-laws for the Regional School. It was necessary to interview architects and select one to plan the school. It was necessary to prepare and maintain financial transactions including bonds and bonding procedures. A site for the new school had to be selected and approved. Approval meant that the School Building Assistance Commission had to concur on the site and the Department of Public Health had to view and grant its permission for the site and sewage disposal methods. These and other phases in the development of the regional school have been met.

The Second National Bank of Boston was retained to advise the committee upon bond procedures and floating bond issues. The Merrimac National Bank of Haverhill was selected as the bank to be used for deposits of Regional School funds and from which payments will be made in accordance with practice and law.

On February 24, by a vote of the Regional School District Committee, the district became known as the Pentucket Regional School District. Work proceeded upon the By-Laws of the District until April 4 when these By-Laws were finally approved. These By-Laws define

the membership and organizational structure for the district and explain the financial structure. They also carry methods for amending the By-Laws and accounting for miscellaneous items not otherwise provided for.

Mr. Ted Miller of West Newbury was authorized to prepare a seal for the district, which was presented and accepted. This seal was adopted as the Seal for the Pen-tucket Regional District on March 16. A rubber stamp seal and plate have since been prepared to use on official documents.

Mr. Sydney O'Neill of Groveland was named Treasurer of the District for one year beginning April 4, 1955. He was also named Secretary of the District until September 1, when the new superintendent would assume this work as part of his official duties.

On May 2 the Regional Committee selected Harry Korslund of Norwood to draw plans for the regional high school building. Mr. Korslund was selected after the committee had interviewed a number of architects and investigated the previous buildings of these architects. Mr. Korslund has had extensive experience in the type of planning that this school necessitates. During the progress of our plans since his selection, this Committee has been very favorably impressed by his knowledge of educational facilities and economical construction.

With the approval of the architect, the School Building Assistance Commission and the Department of Public Health, the site for the Regional School was selected on the property of Mrs. Hazel Albertson. This property lies in West Newbury and adjoins the Groveland town boundary. Test pits and borings have been made on this property. The contours on this property have been mapped. In every respect it meets the needs of the planned junior-senior high school. Among the advantages not previously mentioned in regard to this site are: proximity to the center of the population of the three towns, near-

ness to public utilities, ease of drainage and sewage disposal and the adaptability of areas for athletic fields. On December 17th, an agreement was concluded to purchase 19.506 acres of land from Mrs. Hazel Albertson for \$15,000 upon which to construct the new junior-senior high school.

Although the work of preparing the legal aspects of the district have been considerable, this work represents but a fraction of the time and effort in preparing the actual details of the school plant itself. After the pupil enrollments were projected for the district, it was necessary to adopt a philosophy of education for what we expect from our school. On the bases of what our children should secure from their secondary school, a program of studies was adopted for the regional school. This program will provide a comprehensive education for every type of interest of secondary youth, except for highly specialized vocational skills which are met in vocational schools nearby.

Not only are these skills available more economically elsewhere, but this Committee takes the position that school systems should not determine at an early age whether a child must have a vocational or academic education. We want the education of our children to be both academic and vocational. We do not want to categorize our children and shunt them into specialized programs and contend that such a step is good for them. Predestination in education is born neither out of practice nor theory.

On the basis of the projected enrollments for the regional junior-senior high school, and the objectives of our educational planning, the educational specifications were determined. This part of the planning provides for the number, size, shape and purpose of the rooms that will be needed in the building. This planning provides scientifically for the number of rooms needed. In this

planning phase, it was necessary to decide the number and types of special facilities needed in our school. In light of the immensity of our needs, these facilities were carefully considered. One can easily understand that careful planning is necessary to neither underbuild nor overbuild. Because there are specialized facilities for teaching domestic arts, industrial arts, music, physical education, science, art and other pupil needs, each set of facilities must meet the projected needs of our children. In every stage of the preparation of these educational specifications, it was necessary to confer with, and secure the approval of the School Building Assistance Commission.

Upon the final acceptance of these educational specifications, the architect was empowered to begin drafting plans for the projected needs of this district. Mr. Korslund, the architect, has, since the acceptance of our educational specifications, met a number of times with this Committee and presented this Committee with many building outlines. After much discussion relative to the form of the building, its suitability for our needs, its placement on the site, and the other factors involving usability and convenience, a building scheme was accepted. The architect is proceeding with detailed working plans for the building at this time.

The timetable for 1956 calls for architectural plans to be completed in June. Although this committee is not in a position to present its plans at this time (January 3, 1956), shortly after the beginning of 1956 the details of our plans will be presented to the townspeople of the district. We entreat you to study carefully the thinking that went into these plans and the future educational welfare of this and succeeding generations of youth upon whose shoulders will rest the salvation of society. As soon as the estimated construction cost has been determined, the respective towns of the region will be requested

through special town meetings to approve the construction of this building.

In retrospect we would again acknowledge the assistance of all individuals who have contributed to the success of this project thus far. We are indebted to those people who have contributed by their knowledge and experience to the preparation of the educational planning of the building. We are indebted to our many town officials and the public for their understanding and cooperation. Our grateful appreciation is extended to all.

In reviewing the progress of our plans we realize that not many of the efforts of this committee are evident to the public. Completed plans of all phases of the Committee's efforts will be released very shortly. It has been our practice and policy to proceed carefully in the planning stages in order that rashness of action would not jeopardize the future education of our children. It is an established fact in building construction of this type that four or six additional months of educational planning have prevented ten to twelve months delay in construction, plus additional financial burdens to the district.

A financial recapitulation of the Pentucket Regional School District follows in detail.

Respectfully yours,

IRVING A. BLAKE, Chairman

T. TAIT BENDER

DOUGLAS V. CROOK, M. D.

KENNETH G. FOWLE

FRANCIS HARRIMAN

JOSEPH E. JOYCE

LOUISE E. MILLS

CARL G. OLSON

LEO A. SOUCY

**PENTUCKET REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
TREASURER'S REPORT
1955**

RECONCILIATION OF CASH

Cash Balance January 1, 1955 0

Receipts

Assessments to the Towns	\$	1,300.00
School Bond Issue		84,000.00
	\$	85,538.05

Expenditures

Operating and Maintenance	\$	1,452.13
Construction		580.00
U. S. Treasury Bills		29,834.70
		31,866.83

Cash Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1955	\$	53,671.22
Temporary Short Term Investments		
U. S. Treasury Bills due Feb. 2, 1956		29,834.70
Total Balances on Hand Unexpended Dec. 31, 1955		\$ 83,505.92

Receipts

Assessment to Town of Merrimac	\$	520.00
Assessment to Town of Groveland		403.00

Assessment, West Newbury	377.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,300.00
School Bond Issue	\$ 84,000.00	
Premium on Bond	173.88	
Accrued Interest	64.17	
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Total Receipts		\$ 85,538.05

Expenditures

Educational Consultant	\$ 500.00	
Digging & Filling Test Pits	80.00	
Total Construction Costs	<hr/>	\$ 580.00
Superintendent's Salary	\$ 166.64	
Secretary-Treasurer's Salary	286.25	
Janitor's services at Committee's Meeting Place	57.50	
Retainer Fee for Attorney	100.00	
Expense of Bond Issue	612.98	
Office Supplies & Expense	146.90	
Telephone and Postage	25.70	
Delivery of Brochures	25.00	
Treasurer's Bond	18.36	
Ad in Haverhill Gazette	4.80	
Bank Charge	4.00	
Travel Expense	4.00	
Total Operating & Maint. Costs	<hr/>	\$ 1,452.13
Investment 30,000 U.S. Treasury Bills		\$ 29,834.70
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Total Expenditures		\$ 31,866.83

REPORT OF THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

In a democracy such as ours, which depends upon the development of each individual, it is important that each child be trained in democratic ideals and practices. It is our belief that the home and family life has the greatest influence upon the child and his way of living democratically in a group situation. Experience in the family is the closest and longest lasting of all experiences.

Subordinate to the home, but of great value in the training of the child are many agencies, one of which is the public school. This makes it mandatory that the home and school work closely together to enable the school to provide broader experiences for the child which will guide his day by day relationships with others.

It is in the light of this philosophy that we of the Elementary School wish to work. We want the parents of our children and the friends of our school to feel welcome to visit us during school hours and to confer with the teachers after school hours. We know that this will benefit the child, the school, the home and the community.

One of the ever present problems in any school is that of reporting a child's progress. This is the second year with our present system of reporting. We are forming a study group of parents and teachers who will evaluate this method and, if necessary, produce a new type of report which may reveal the progress of the child to the parent more comprehensibly.

Fire drills are held monthly during the year. During the first day of school, trial drills are held to teach the children the routine. Following that time all drills are unannounced. Fire Chief, George Buzzell, holds his Official drill during Fire Prevention Week. Our drills average

1 minute to clear the building of 375 to 400 persons, the variation being caused by the time of day and the activities taking place in the building at the time.

Two Civil Defense drills are held each year. This type drill was described in the 1954 town report.

One of the days which children of the various rooms plan and look forward to, is the class day trip. Last spring the days were varied and included a trip to the Haverhill Gazette and Whittier's Birthplace, a picnic on a farm, a trip to a forest lookout, an old fashioned hay ride and horse back riding.

Open house, during National Education week, was held again this year. During this day many parents and friends watched the daily school routine and class room procedures.

This year each class has enjoyed the privilege of inviting their mothers and fathers to be guests at lunch. The mothers and fathers responded very nicely and enjoyed following the routine with their children during lunch period.

The observance of Memorial Day was held on the Playground baseball field, in which all schools participated. It was a sight that would fill one's eyes with tears and one's heart with pride to look upon the school children of this town joined together on that field for appropriate exercises and prayers to revere and commemorate those who fought and died that we might live in this democratic nation. It would make one feel secure that this group would have the ability to carry on the ideals which our nation holds.

On December 16th our school presented Berta El-smith's operetta arrangement of the opera, "Hansel and Gretel," which kept the opera sequence, procedure, music and story as far as practicable. The children gained in the knowledge and understanding of the work of production;

in cooperative working with others, individually and in groups; in the requirement of self direction and self control in the times of rehearsals and production and received great stimulation for appreciation of fine music. Their memories of this music and story and their participation in its actual production is something they will long remember.

Mrs. Doris Currier supervised the entire production and was aided by each member of the School faculty in various ways. We wish to extend thanks to:

Mr. Kenneth Haskell - who worked many extra hours for us.

Mr. James Howe - who gave of his time to help a great deal with the scenery and properties.

Mr. Richard Beckford - who produced the lighting effects which were so important to the success of the operetta .

Mrs. Gita Webster - who was a patient and excellent accompanist for rehearsals and performance.

The Massachusetts Northeastern Bus Co. for providing buses to and from the Grange Hall for rehearsals.

Each year we look forward to the privilege of some children representing our school in the Santa Claus parade. This year our float presented "Hansel & Gretel."

It has again been my privilege to attend the Massachusetts Elementary School Principals' Conference in Amherst in the spring and at Swampscott last fall; also, with Mrs. Felch and Mr. Jakobek, to attend the three-day conference of the New England Reading Association for Administrators and Supervisors. This is a comparatively new association which studies, in small groups, many specific problems of the over-all reading problem concerned with the improvement of reading. During 1957 the association plans to hold state-wide conferences for the

classroom teachers to enable them to receive direct report of the work of the larger conference and also to study the reading problems.

My sincere thanks to the Merrimac Parent-Teacher Association for the privilege of attending the State Fall Conference with Mrs. J. Arthur Burns, President. I heartily recommend this conference to any parent who can possibly attend. The fellowship one enjoys and the messages one hears are inspiring, and the basis of it all is THE CHILD.

Helen R. Donaghue

Elementary School Principal

REPORT OF THE MERRIMAC JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

I herewith submit my first annual report as Principal of the Merrimac Junior High School.

The activities of the Junior High School for the past year, January to December 1955, have been many and varied. The following report includes some of the changes and advancements made in our organization, some of the academic achievements fulfilled within the school, and some of the outstanding student activities.

Several changes were made in staff personnel. When Mr. Louis Blais resigned in February, we were very fortunate in obtaining Mr. Everett Ryerson as a science and geography teacher. In June Mrs. Annette Palmer joined our faculty as an additional full-time teacher. This gave me more time in my office for guidance and clerical work. In the fall the curriculum was rounded out considerably with the addition of art and physical education courses.

Mr. Joseph Aliquo, the art instructor, is giving an exploratory course to the boys in lettering and mechanical drawing, and a course in creative art to the girls. In November Mr. Harold Ford, a student of Salem Teacher's College, started an eight weeks practice teaching course in our system under the guidance of my staff and myself. The courses of study and program organization were altered for the fall term to meet the needs arising from these changes and further reorganization is being planned for the coming year.

During the year the Kuhlman-Finch Intelligence Test and the California Mental Maturity Test were administered. Those records were added to the permanent folder of each child to help in the study of the educational, physical and social growth of our students.

To encourage a keener interest in the reading of good books, the library and the Teen Age Book Club again have been made available to our students. The school library is now under the management of Miss Regina McIntyre. Over fifty percent of the student body are active members of the T. A. B. Club which makes available to each member good books at a moderate price.

At the graduation exercises on June 21st, thirty-four students received diplomas, presented by Mr. Kenneth Fowle. The guest speaker was Rev. Donald Tatro of Groveland. The graduation festivities were ended that evening by a dance given as a farewell party for the eighth graders.

In the spring, our eighth grade boys, accompanied by Mr. Frederick Noone, went by Ramsey Bus to the Essex County Agriculturel School, to spend a typical day with the students as guests. Several boys spent the week of their spring vacation there and from this group, Robert Lee enrolled as a student. During "Homemaker's Week" several of our girls visited this same school and from this

group, Phyllis Craig, Judith Thompson and Priscilla Woodard enrolled as Freshmen.

Several boys from grade eight took the Haverhill Trade School exams and three from this group are now attending: David Cummings, George Martin and John Thompson. This brings the total number of Merrimac boys enrolled at the Trade School to seven. After counseling with parents and checking their records, these boys and girls were given the opportunity to locate in schools where their potential abilities can be best developed.

During January and February 1955, our girls and boys basketball teams, coached by Mr. Frederick Noone and me, played games with Groveland, Seabrook, Salisbury, Amesbury and the Merrimac Freshmen. Our boys team was undefeated and our girls team won six out of nine games. Under the leadership of Miss McIntyre, a newly organized group of cheerleaders helped lead our teams to victory. To end the season, intra-murals were run off with practically every student in the school participating. In December of this same year, an unusually large number of students again turned out for basketball practice. This is largely due to the added interest given our girls by Mr. Everett Ryerson and our boys by Mr. Frederick Noone in the physical education classes.

In June two bus loads of students left for a day's trip to Boston to visit places of historical and educational interest. In the afternoon, the eighth grade took a boat trip to Nantasket while the seventh grade attended "Cinerama". Teachers and parents went as chaperones.

On November 17th, members of the seventh grade conducted the business meeting of our P. T. A. while the eighth grade widened their horizons by entertaining twenty students from Ipswich, helping to prepare for them a dinner at the home of Mrs. John Chipman. Patricia Pierce, acting as program chairman, introduced Mr. Rogers, Assistant Principal of the Ipswich Junior High

School, who showed colored slides of his educational program in the out of doors. A picked group of Junior High School students sang under the able leadership of Mrs. Doris Currier.

Our school activities of 1955 closed with a group of happy, enthusiastic Junior High students taking part in three Christmas programs. First they decorated a float and costumed students to depict "Christmas in Many Lands". On December 12th, committees from the eighth grade decorated the Elementary School gym for a delightful party at which parents assisted the teachers as chaperones. On December 20th we entertained ninety parents in the Junior High School main room with a program of community caroling and a costumed Christmas pageant "O Holy Night". A chorus of eighty students sang during the pageant.

During my first year as principal of the Merrimac Junior High School, I have received much helpful guidance from Dr. Page, our retiring Superintendent and Mr. Jakobek, our incoming Superintendent. It is with grateful recognition of the understanding and interest which they, the Merrimac School Committee, and the parents of our Junior High School students have shown to my school that I bring this to a close. The year 1954 - 1955 has been one rich in challenge as my staff and I have worked with these young people, trying to guide them as they learn to work collectively and individually in their development toward responsible, self-governing citizens.

Cornelia Wolfe

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL NURSE

My report is herewith submitted dating from Jan. 1, 1955 to Dec. 31. 1955.

Number of schools visits	138
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Number of home visits	302
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The Pre-school clinic was held on May 16, and 17.

Number of children examined at Pre-school clinic	48
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The Diptheria Clinic was held on March 18, April 15 and May 13.

Number receiving 3 doses	19
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Number receiving Booster shots	126
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The Polio Clinic was held for the first time on May 23 and May 31.

Number receiving the Salk Vaccine in the first and second grades	86
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Dr. Frederick Sweetsir and Mrs. Cecile Sargent helped with this clinic.

A complete physical examination was given to children in the first and fifth grades who were not examined by their own family doctor.

A complete physical was given to the freshman class. Junior High and all other high school students were given physical check-ups by Dr. Davis.

Number of urine tests for sugar	139
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Number of children tested with the Massachusetts Vision Test	504
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Number of children tested with the Audiometer for hearing	516
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ANNIE L. GLEED

School Nurse

REPORT OF SCHOOL LUNCH

The following is a report of the Merrimac School Lunch Program for the year 1955.

From January through June we served 23,000 Type A lunches and 4,833 Type C.

In June Mrs. Isabelle Taylor, B. S., left our school to manage the School Lunch Program in Bedford, Mass.

From September through December we have served 16,438 Type A lunches and 4,551 bottles of milk under the Special Milk Program.

The Type A lunch contains $\frac{1}{2}$ pint unflavored milk, 2 oz. protein, (either meat, fish, cheese, egg, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup dried beans or 4 tablespoons peanut butter), 1 slice bread, 2 teaspoons butter, $\frac{3}{4}$ cup vegetable or fruit. This lunch has to meet one third of the daily nutritional requirements. For this each child pays 25¢ and the State and U. S. Government together reimburse us 9¢.

The Special Milk Program consists of $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of milk for the children that bring their lunch from home. The child pays 3¢ per bottle, and may buy one or more daily. The State and U. S. Government together reimburse us 4¢ on each bottle purchased. This is to encourage the children to drink more milk.

Mrs. Annie Gleed, School Nurse, has brought some needy cases to our attention and we have served free meals as needed.

I wish to thank the Junior High students that come early to help serve lunch before they attend their classes in the afternoon, and the 6th grade students who give up their lunch period to help us.

I would also like to thank Mrs. Donaghue, the teach-

ers, and all others who helped me with their cooperation. Especially do I thank Mrs. Taylor, under whose supervision I had the pleasure and privilege of working for the past three years. Her help in getting organized this fall is deeply appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,
MARGARET S. MARTIN

REPORT OF THE HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

To the Superintendent of Schools and the Merrimac School Committee.

I hereby submit my report as high school principal.

In doing this report I shall divide it into two main divisions, the first part dealing with the events for the past school year, and the second with projected plans for the school year in September of 1956.

Changes in our curriculum for this past September showed the addition of a course in Health and Hygiene which will include instruction in First Aid in conjunction with the needs for Civil Defence Instruction. Not offered last year because of insufficient student enrollment, solid and trigonometry were returned to our curriculum this year.

Three changes were made in our teaching staff at the beginning of the year. Mr. Frederick Bardsley, science instructor, resigned to accept the position of Biology Department head at Chelmsford High School. Mr. Joseph Medolo, a graduate of American International College, was named to succeed Mr. Bardsley. The resignation of Mr. Rodney Mansfield was received and he accept-

ed a position in his hometown of New Ipswich, New Hampshire. Mr. Joseph Sheehan, a graduate of Merrimack College, was elected to fill the vacancy. Miss Isabelle Phelan resigned her position as head of the English department to accept a position at Punchard High School in Andover. Elected to fill the position was Mrs. Margaret Brown, a graduate of Boston University.

The testing program was expanded this past year to include the California Test of Mental Maturity. Along with the Kuhlman-Finch, it provides for desired validity in determining intelligence factors. The prime concern of these tests is to determine the correlation between ability and grade achievement. This information is of vital assistance in aiding the guidance program.

Through the cooperation of the Massachusetts Division of Employment Security, the General Aptitude testing for seniors was continued. Aptitude testing provides for a means of determining several types of abilities that may allow the individual to do well in various occupations. This information, along with other information gathered, assists in guiding the individual into a field of work in which his qualifications compare favorably with the occupational requirements. It also provides for an added advantage, in that their special abilities are on record at the local office in the event that they are needed for future possible employment.

It has been my desire to make students as conscious of scholarships as possible. Lacking the availability of local scholarships, our students have been referred to regional and direct college scholarship grants. For the past three years one of our students has been the recipient of the Pomona Grange annual scholarship award. Also, through the efforts of Mrs. Harriet Bigelow, scholarship chairman of the Women's Club, information pertaining to many specialized schools has been made available.

An excellent source for a competitive scholarship

was made available with the origination of the National Merit Scholarship Program. Two of our seniors were selected to take the examination, with one making a very creditable showing and the other a very exceptional one. The first student finished in the 54th percentile which means that 54 per cent of the students taking the test scored lower on the test. The other student received a score that put him in the 99th percentile which, according to the previous explanation, means that this Merrimac High School student was in the distinguished position of having 99 per cent of the total students taking the examination receiving a lower score. The results of the 58,158 students taking the National Merit scholarship indicate that the State of Massachusetts ranked above the national average and, even more important to the local community, that our students exceeded the national average. This was not just an example of our exceptional students competing against non-selected students but, rather, that our students were competing against the top scholastic students of the high schools throughout the country.

In covering the second phase of my report, it is desirable to be aware of the regional program as the most important aim toward the solution of existing problems. However, realizing that our immediate needs should not be sacrificed in terms of future planning, it was necessary to recognize these needs and provide for them.

Projected enrollment figures indicate that the high school enrollment will increase from 104 to approximately 135. This would mean that some classes would be in excess of 40 students. Therefore, it is educationally sound to divide these groups, which results in additional sections and the need for additional teaching personnel. With the adding of a teacher to the staff it will be possible to realize the additional sections along with providing for homogeneous grouping. The English classes in particular will be most greatly affected, with two sections

being provided for in each of the four years.

In addition to the advantage that will be gained by homogeneous grouping, an additional teacher will allow for enrichment of the curriculum. Although the program is still in the development stages, it is anticipated that a complete program in guidance will be offered for the four years. It will include such items as Living in the Home, Use of Leisure Time, Citizenship, Organized Social Life, Consumption and Production, and College Orientation.

The subject matter included in our curriculum is intended to meet four criteria: (1) Significance to contemporary life; (2) Adult use; (3) Student interest and use; (4) Flexibility. The importance of meeting these requirements is quite obvious. Only by building a curriculum out of subject matter so determined, can we have a school capable of meeting the changing demands of our society.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD MORROW, Principal

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Wallace Furber
Lynn Hayward

Juniors High Honor
 Eugene Getchell
 Barbara Sargent

Honor
Richard Fowler

Sophomeres High Honor
 Marie Dressler
 Charles Getchell

Honor
Patricia Cahill
Mary Kimbrell
Caleb Wolfe

Freshman High Honor
 Lloyd Crossman

Honor
Joanne Donaghue
Sheela Fowler
Marsha Hargraves
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